FIRST EDITION

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DECREPIT GREEK HURT.

He Fell on Sidewalk and Dislocated His Hip.

Yesterday afternoon a Greek, with but one leg, slipped on the sidewalk on Middlesex street, striking the stump and dislocating the hip. He was taken to St. John's hospital where the dislocation was reduced.

Reform Club Concert.

The Reform club held its first Sunday evening concert of the season last night and the hall was crowded.

The program included piano solos by Miss May Briggs; songs by James Callahan, John Welch, Robert J. Fullerton, Michael Gorman, James Daley and the Tighe family; recitations were given by Denis Donohue. The accompanists were Misses Kittie Walsh, May Briggs and Robert J. Fullerton.

Birthday Party.

Miss Mamie Rosalie Barrett entertained her young friends Saturday night at her home on Fay street, on the occasion of her 18th birthday. Refreshments were served, games enjoyed, and a general good time had until 11 o'clock. The young lady received many valuable presents.

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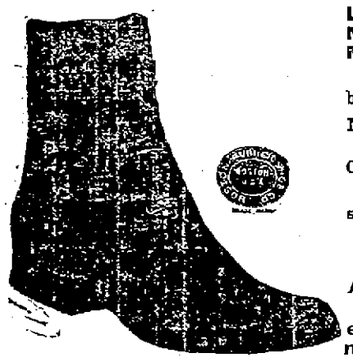

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LUNDBERG STREET BRIDGE

A HEARING BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Many Property Owners Appeared in Favor of the Extension to Meadowcroft Street—A Bridge Included in the Extension.

About two dozen property owners and residents of the vicinity of Lundberg street were present at the meeting of the county commissioners this morning when the big three heard their petition for the extension of Lundberg street to Meadowcroft, which involves the erection of a bridge over the Boston and Maine railroad tracks.

John W. McEvoy, Esq., appeared for the petitioners, George F. and George H. Richardson for the railroad, and City Solicitor Cox for the city.

The gentlemen called in favor of the petition were Rev. Fr. Guillard, O. M. I., John Lennon, James McDermott, Joseph Johnson, Mathew O'Connell, Thos. Kelly, S. Burke Stevens, Chas. O'Neil, Edward Kelly and others.

The proposed extension will not be very lengthy, or of extravagant pretensions, and will probably be favored by the commissioners.

THE BIGGEST
assortment of medium priced fancy chairs and rockers is found at A. E. O'Heir & Co.'s two stores, 16 Merrimack and 34 Central streets.

Skating at Lakeview.

The ice on Lake Mascuppic is fully five inches thick and very smooth. Take the cars for Lakeview and enjoy a good skate. The moon will be out tonight.

Against Les Miserables.

The Massachusetts bowling league will meet tonight to again inquire into the standing of the clubs. It is understood that there is a drive against Les Miserables but it will avail nothing as Les Miserables can take care of themselves.

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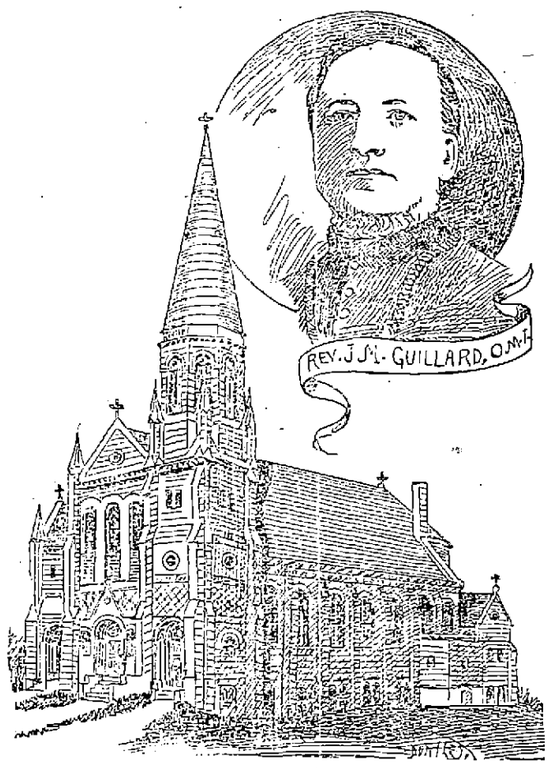
OF SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sketch of Its History and Present Condition.



The Exterior Now Completed and Basement Only Finished—The Fair for the Church Fund is Closed.

The Sun today publishes an excellent cut of the new Sacred Heart church, which when completed will add another to the fine church structures in our city. The church is located on Moore street and the property on which it stands was acquired by purchase, by the Oblate Fathers in 1882. The following year, the foundation for the new edifice was laid, and the basement was constructed. Services have been held here ever since, and no attempt was made to complete the work because money was needed and was not forth coming in such an amount as to warrant undertaking this additional expense. Annually it was necessary to lay out a sum of money to make necessary repairs and Very Rev. Fr. Guillard, O. M. I., concluded that such investments, though absolutely necessary, meant money lost, and decided to complete the exterior work on the church. This has been done, but the debt is so large that the work on the interior will not be undertaken for two or three years. The church when completed will seat about 1200 people.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Lavoie succeeded, Rev. Guillard followed, Rev. Fr. Lavoie came back, and now Rev. Fr. Guillard and Rev. Fr. Reynolds are in attendance.

Fr. Guillard is a hard working priest and during his membership in the Oblate order has had much experience in building churches. He assisted in the erection of the present grand Immaculate Conception church. Then he went to Ottawa, built a church there; was transferred to Buffalo, where he completed a church and erected a school. Returning to Lowell he became provincial of the order and during his administration the Oblates have finished a new novitiate in Tewksbury, the new St. Jean Baptiste church and the Sacred Heart church. He is well pleased with the result here. Speaking of the Sacred Heart church he says: "It is impossible to attempt finishing the inside work for the debt is a large one, and owing to the hard times the congregation though well inclined to help is still very poor.

Close of the Fair.

The first bazaar in aid of the Sacred Heart church ended Saturday evening. It was the busiest night of the bazaar and all the young lady attendants on the tables were kept on the move.

The young man who gave you three shots at a couple of wooden dolls for 5c. with a cigar thrown in if you knocked the head off one of the dolls, exercised his lungs in great style. And the man who sold the blown glass ware raked in a great many nickles.

The crowd was very large, and in consequence the patronage was quite liberal.

Rev. Frs. Guillard, O. M. I., and Reynolds, O. M. I., were present during the evening.

The following season ticket awards were made: $20 gold piece, M. A. Sullivan, 29 Carter street; suit of clothes, Elizabeth Johnson, 494 Lawrence street; clothes wringer, Philip Murphy, 68 Kinsman street; barrel of flour, Mr. Conroy, 40 Manchester street; chest of tea, Mrs. Mary Brennan; barrel of flour, Bridget Kenney, 557 Lawrence street; $5 gold piece, John J. Hogan, 144 Bowers street; ton of coal, Kittie McKeown, 22 Robinson street; rocking chair, Sarah McGlynn, 35 Reservoir street; beautiful lamp, Maggie Finnegan, 84 Andover street.

The pair of rubber boots on the parish table were awarded to Thomas Donohue, who received 375 votes to 10 votes for Fred Hartley.

Bernard J. Wefers, the champion sprinter of the world, was present at the bazaar and took home with him a banquet lamp, and a wedding cake, which were awarded him.

Many of the articles have not yet been disposed of and they were taken to the hall of the Sacred Heart school and will be disposed of later. Rev. Fr. Guillard is well pleased with the results of the week's festival and is grateful to all those who assisted in making the bazaar a success.

It cannot even be estimated yet what the bazaar will net the church fund, but a good sum will certainly be realized.

Companions of Forest.

Star of Lowell circle, companions of the Forest, elected the following officers at its last meeting: M. A. Gookin, C. C.; Marie Markham, S. C. C.; Winnie Breen, treasurer; Katie Tweed, financial secretary; Ella K. Roche, secretary; Sarah Curran R. G.; Mary E. Delehanty, L. G.; Maggie Huban, I. G.; Bridget Hogan, O. G.; Hugh Leonard, trustee; Thomas E. McGannon, physician.

A House Burned.

Fire probably resulting from an overfurned lamp in the cellar destroyed a two and one half story house in Lafayette Park, Saturday. The loss will be about $800.

"Crossing the Trocha is easy as compared with passing 'Fashion Corner' without being attracted by the Xmas Neckwear Show."
—Sunday Press.

Xmas in our BOYS' DEPT.

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Our Boys' Dollar Sweater is all wool, has large collar with two stripes and comes in black and garnet—just what will delight a boy for Christmas.

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Mrs. Pierce Narried to Mr. H. A. Smith.

THE WOMAN HAS A CHECKERED CAREER.

Her Second Husband Alive in Nashua, N. H.

Inspectors Goodwin and Donaldson came across a complicated case while on a hunt for liquor law violators at 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

They visited "Mr. and Mrs. Harding A. Smith" of 701 Merrimack street, hoping to find evidence of illegal keeping, but they found Smith, the alleged wife and a seven year old girl occupying the room together. As the man appeared to be too young to be the husband of the woman and the father of the child, the inspectors became suspicious.

In reply to questions, Smith said they were married and produced a certificate from Nashua. It was signed by George T. Smith, city clerk of Nashua, as a justice of the peace, and was witnessed by John W. Ladd, janitor of the city hall in Nashua. It was dated July 16, 1896, and certified to the marriage of Harding O. Smith and Mrs. Priscilla M. Pierce, both of Nashua.

Seeing that she had been married before, Mrs. Smith was asked as to the whereabouts of her former husband, Pierce.

Then both became frightened and Mrs. Smith acknowledged that she had been twice married before; that she had been divorced from her first husband; but that her second husband, John Pierce, was still alive and that they had never been divorced.

The daughter is by the first husband, Samuel Lord of Vermont, who left his wife and was divorced, it is alleged, on account of her unfaithful conduct. Nine weeks after she married Pierce of North Leominster, who was a shiftless person. Mrs. Pierce supported her husband for the past four or five years by keeping houses of ill-fame, it is said, until finally driven out of Boston by the Watch and Ward society.

From Boston she went to Leominster and Canada, and then to Nashua last summer, where she met and married Smith.

Coming to Lowell they lived on Common street, where police believe they sold liquor illegally. Recently they moved to Merrimack street, where Smith opened a barber shop.

Both were arrested, the man charged with adultery and the woman with bigamy.

In court this morning the two defendants, through their counsel, Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., waived the reading of the complaint, and pleaded not guilty, the woman of bigamy and the man of adultery. They were held in $400 each until December 28 for trial.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

HENFROUGH—The funeral services of Florence, daughter of Arthur and Emma Henfrough, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at 43 Kidder street, Rev. W. H. Yarrow officiating. Interment was in the Edson cemetery.

HUTCHINSON—The funeral of the late Jane Hutchinson occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Martha Rutherford, No. 128 Charles street. Rev. O. E. Mallory officiated and the bearers were Messrs. Robt. Rutherford, Wm. Banis, Joseph Fleming, and Wm. Cles. Interment was in the Edson cemetery.

BARKER—The funeral of the late Caroline H. Barker was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 149 School street. Rev. C. E. Fisher officiated, and there were appropriate musical selections by a quartet composed of Dr. F. R. Dix, T. F. Molloy, Geo. E. Burns and Geo. E. Sturtevant. The bearers were Messrs. John Dow, O. Osgood, Farrington and Whittemore. The remains were interred in the Edson cemetery.

TYLER—Mrs. Emily Tyler died in Foxboro, Mass., Dec. 18, at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Seeley, in her 77th year. The remains were brought to Lowell for interment in the Edson cemetery, and services were held in the cemetery chapel at 3.30 Saturday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Smith Baker and Dr. S. M. Dick.

DEATHS.

SPEAR—Warren A. Spear, aged 69 years, died last evening at his home, 8 East Pine street.

McNAMEE—The friends of Lawrence J. McNamee, a resident of this city until within three years, will be pained to learn of his death Thursday at 200 Broad street, Marlboro. He had been ill of typhoid pneumonia since Saturday. He was an overseer in the J. F. Frye shoe shop, and was married only last August to a Marlboro young woman. Deceased was 29 years of age, and a man of kindly disposition. He was a member of Court Middlesex, A. O. F. Many friends will miss him.

WELDEN—Mrs. Lizzie Welden, wife of Henry Welden, died in Philadelphia, Dec. 16, aged 58 years. She was born in Lowell and passed her childhood here.

WEAVER—Mrs. Maria E. Weaver, aged 61 years, died Saturday at her home, 1057 Middlesex street. She was the widow of Samuel H. Weaver.

BOYLAN—Mary Boylan, aged 59 years, wife of William Boylan, died yesterday at her late residence on Concord street. She was a native of Ireland. At the Immaculate Conception church this morning, Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I., celebrated a high mass of requiem for the repose of her soul, and the remains were forwarded to Taunton, where the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

The Following Well Known Residents Peter MacAleer, 44 Rock street; F. Cardinal, 17 Davis street; T. E. Lawrence, 256 Merrimack street; M. Sullivan, 13 Pendergast block, Lakeview avenue; J. Hayden, 74 Union street are a few of those who have had occasion to use Mexican Worm Lozenges for their children and pronounce them unequalled. Office, Mexican Medicine Co., 32 Central street, opposite Middle.

MRS. THOMAS CAROLIN

PASSED FROM LIFE PEACEFULLY YESTERDAY.

But a Few Days After the Death of Her Husband—Heart Disease the Cause.

Following closely on the death and burial of the late Thomas Carolin comes the death of his estimable widow, Mary Fields Carolin, at her home on Fairmount street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

During her husband's illness she bore up cheerfully and attended the funeral on Friday morning. Her illness was first noticed in the evening, and Dr. Irish was called to attend her. She grew weaker Saturday and passed away peacefully yesterday morning.

She was born in County Meath, Ireland, in December, 1830, and was 66 years of age at the time of her death. She was married Sept. 1, 1851, and is survived by Dr. William T. Carolin, and two daughters, Mrs. James Heery and Mrs. Luke Heery.

The funeral will be at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and her body will lie with that of her husband in the tomb at St. Joseph's cemetery. Heart failure was the cause of death.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The Ness Jollities who appear at Music hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21, 22, 23 and Wednesday matinee has the following:

The clever soubrette and musical artiste, Miss Mignon Carroll, whose equal in her particular line is not to be found, Baby Helen Rogers, termed the "pocket edition" soubrette, who is small but always to the front. Mr. Nick Glynn, character comedian, whose wonderful portrayal of different characters has placed him at once in the stellar ranks. But a word in regard to the plot would not be out of place.

Two detectives arrive at the same summer resort in search of the same man, who is wanted for passing counterfeit money, each detective picks out or "spots" one another for the guilty party, whereby they exchange their good money from one to the other thinking it counterfeit, which with the summer boarders, servants, and always to be found tramp and others, creates trouble and excitement all around.

"The Pulse of New York," with its wealth of scenic investure and recently added features, presented by a splendid cast, headed by Stitton Mayhew and Chris Bruno, will be the attraction at Music hall for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Savoy.

Rosedale tonight. The production at this most popular of play houses this week is that great N. Y. success and military play entitled "Rosedale."

It is familiar no doubt to many of our readers but those that have once seen it, are the ones who who will be most pleased to think that it is to be given by the Savoy's clever company, as it is a play which when once seen, creates a desire to see it repeated.

The new costumes and scenery have been completed and everything is ready for the opening tonight. The Savoy company has been increased in number for this week on account of the large cast and several Boston artists including famous little Olive Smith, have been secured. She is at present the best child actress in the business and it was only because of her happening to have this week open that Mr. Weston was enabled to secure her services. She plays "Sir Arthur May." Mr. Weston as Elliott Grey will be seen at his best and will score an instant success in the character. The love scene with Rosa Leigh, the stirring scene in the "Gypsy Dell," the magnificent ball room scene, are only a few of the great opportunities for fine acting and realistic stage settings, and it is needless to say Mr. Weston will make the best of each and all.

Miss Mabel Norton of Ames street spent the past few days with relatives in Haverhill.

Another shipment of high bred stock was made from Hood's farm last week, a celebrated bull calf and several pigs of celebrated sires.

One of the social functions of the new year will be the Thompson-Jaques wedding to be solemnized in Grace church, Jan. 6, at 6 o'clock.

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REV. FR. McMANUS

Delivered an Interesting Lecture to the Y. M. C. I.

THE STORY OF HIS EUROPEAN TRAVELS

Was Told to a Large Audience.

The most interesting lecture on European travel ever given in this city, was delivered before the members and friends of the Y. M. C. I. in the institute hall, last evening by Rev. Thomas F. McManus of St. Peter's church.

Fr. McManus' style and delivery are striking and certain to command attention. The tale of his travels he recites in an offhand way; he makes no use of notes, in fact he makes scarcely any preparation for his lecture, depending upon the scenes as they are thrown upon the canvas, recalling incidents of interest in connection with his trip.

The hall was crowded and the views shown were really fine, no better collection ever having been presented here.

Henry P. Boulger introduced Fr. Dacey, O. M. I., as presiding officer and he in turn introduced the reverend lecturer.

Forty-seven views in Ireland were shown and explained. Principal among them were Queenstown city and harbor, the city of Cork, River Lee, Blarney, Killarney, the Giant's Causeway, Dublin and Limerick and views along Antrim coast and the north of Ireland. Coming to London he showed a view of Fleet street, Westminster bridge, The Strand and St. Paul's. When the house of parliament was shown, the speaker stated that he attended a session while an important debate took place, as the guest of Sir Thomas Esmond who has visited Lowell. He also described Buckingham and Marlborough palaces, where he said he was at the time of the royal wedding.

He next took his audience to Brussells, and described a street scene there; and also the new palace of justice. The Cathedral, the speaker stated, is a most magnificent structure, while the town hall is a very ornate building and is covered with statues. In the Flemish street scene, boys were seen harnessed into carts, just as horses are in this country. The trip continued up the Rhine to Cologne, where is the grandest gothic cathedral in the world. From the steamer sailing up the Rhine, was obtained a fine view of the Drachenfels Castle and the seven mountains around it, also the Rock of Lorell where it is said Lorell; like a Siren, used to sing and decoy boatmen to the shore. In Germany, Heidelberg and the cathedral of Hofkirk formed pretty scenes, and a group of German students were pictured. "They were not engaged in a duel" said the speaker, "but they had been the day before and many bore scars on their faces and heads.

From Bale to Lucerne is one of the most picturesque routes by rail in all Switzerland. Bale is a frontier town. On the route, the speaker obtained Alpine scenes and views of the cascade, villages and cottages. Then was shown beautiful Lucerne, delightful for situation and a great place for tourists. The Rigi and Mount Pilatus were seen and the speaker said that many legends are associated with Pilatus, according to one of which Pontius Pilate drowned himself in a little lake a few hundred feet below the summit. The journey was now towards Milan through Lombardy and across the Italian frontier at Schlasso. On the way scenes of houses were shown, and notice was taken of the change of costumes in the Italian Alpine district. There was a panoramic picture of Milan, a city of 300,000 inhabitants and one of the busiest cities in Italy. The colored view of the Milan cathedral was a very pretty effect, the building itself being the most ornate exteriorly in the world, and but two are larger, St. Peter's at Rome and the one at Seville, Spain.

At Venice he told of his experiences, riding in the Gondola, and showed a view of the grand canal, the palaces of the city, St. Mark's cathedral, the Rialto and the Bridge of Sighs. The Island and cathedral of George, from the piazetta, were shown, also the tame pigeons in the Square of St. Mark, which fly on the head and shoulders of the people and eat the grain given them.

At Florence, after showing the views of the palaces and cathedrals, the Pontl Veccio was seen. This is a bridge covered with stores, just like old London bridge. The views of Rome were beautiful. The speaker said, "One naturally looks for St. Peter's when he arrives in Rome, and on the way you see the castle of St. Angelo and the bridge.

St. Peter's itself was next shown, the views being of the exterior and interior. In the great square of St. Peter's were the obelisk and fountains, and another scene showed the square at the great blessing on Easter Sunday.

The Vatican was next treated, and this included scenes of the hall of Candelabra, the library, Sistine chapel, hall of statuary, a guard of the Vatican, and Leo XIII. St. Paul's outside the walls is the most modern of the churches in Rome. It contains portraits of all the popes, and there is room for paintings of all the popes that will come. These are in mosaic medallions five feet in diameter.

At St. Paul's of the Three Fountains was shown the place of the execution of St. Paul.

Next came the ruins of ancient Rome, the Coliseum, the Forum, arch of Titus, and arch of Drusis.

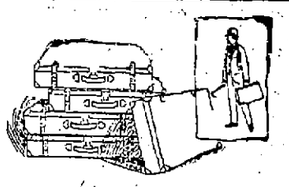
"Modern Rome," said the speaker, "has its capital approached from the Piazza Ara Coeli by the grand stair case, which in its present form dates from 1536. At its foot are two lions of Egyptian porphy; at its head the ancient colossal statues of Castor and Pollux. The scenes of the famous catacombs were interesting and the speaker bid farewell to Rome with a view of the Fountain of Trevi, where people leaving Rome and desiring to return throw a copper coin and express their wish.

Naples is five and one-half hours' ride from Rome and the pretty bay, Mt. Vesuvius, the ruins of Pompeii and the Herculaneum were shown. Paris was reached by way of Switzerland over the Mt. Cenis route, through the big tunnel, over the Bernese Alps by way of Chamauni, then on to Geneva on the lake.

The scenes shown were of the Dents des Montagnes, Mt. Blanc in the distance, the great Masterhorn. The journey to Paris proceeded by way of Lausanne. The speaker described the Place de la Concord with its fountains and obelisk, the heart of Paris. Scenes were shown in Versailles, St. Cloud and Fountainbleau. Lourdes was touched upon briefly and the great miracles performed there were referred to. One of the prettiest views shown was the procession of pilgrims to Lourdes.

The lecture lasted one hour and a half and at its conclusion Fr. McManus was congratulated on his successful talk.

Mr. Emerson, the photographer had charge of the stereopticon.



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Notice is hereby given that a warrant in insolvency has this day been issued from the Court of Insolvency for said County of Middlesex, against the real and personal estate of Abram Coffin, of Lowell in said county, insolvent debtor; that the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property to said insolvent debtor, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said insolvent debtor to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the 19th day of January, A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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THE CUBAN SITUATION.

The recognition of Cuba by the U. S. would undoubtedly lead to serious complications with Spain. It might result in war. To plunge this country into a war with Spain or with Europe would be a very serious matter, no doubt, and the only uncertain feature in the case is whether a fight with Spain would mean a fight with Spain alone or with Spain allied to several other European powers. The United States is not afraid of Spain. A country that cannot defeat a handful of Cuban rebels is not likely to make much progress should it undertake an invasion of this country or a bombardment of our ports.

The action of the U. S. in interfering with the Venezuelan question, has caused a feeling of jealousy on the part of several European powers against the U. S., and consequently some of those warlike powers would be only too glad to reciprocate the favor in case the U. S. should interfere in European affairs.

The question then comes would the recognition of Cuban independence really amount to an interference in European affairs.

Spain has held Cuba for a period antedating the constitution of the United States and has certainly a prior claim upon the island from length of possession. The Monroe doctrine does not apply in this case, because Spain discovered the American continent, colonized a large portion of it, and at the present time clings to Cuba as her last foothold upon American soil.

It would certainly be an interference with Spanish rights for the United States to invade Cuba to take possession of the island or to terminate Spanish rule therein. There are in Cuba, however, very large American interests. There are many millions worth of property belonging to American citizens being destroyed from day to day, and there is no prospect of an early termination of the conflict. Therefore the U. S. has ample reason for interference on its own account, to protect its citizens and their property regardless of Spanish claims in the island.

If Spain guaranteed protection to Americans and to American property in Cuba, if she put down rebellion, if she suppressed anarchy, then there would be no need of Americans interfering, and there would be no desire on the part of congress to interfere. Hence we say that the recognition of Cuban independence is justified on the part of the U. S., and cannot be construed into an interference in European affairs.

Nevertheless, there is a possibility that it might result in the formation of an alliance between Spain and England, both of which may be safely set down as powers unfriendly to this country. Such a combination could send a fleet to the American coast that would destroy our principal cities, and no fleet that America could equip would be sufficient to meet them on the high seas. There is, therefore, a great element of danger in the recognition of Cuba.

But so far as the prospect goes at present, although both branches of congress may favor the recognition of Cuba, we do not believe it will be carried into effect, because the president stands in the way, ready to veto the measure as soon as it reaches him. Cleveland and Olney are fighting hard against the recognition of Cuba, and perhaps they have good reasons for so doing. Secretary of State Olney is a shrewd statesman, and his opinion on such questions is worthy of serious consideration. Both gentlemen may see that were this country involved in a war at the present time, there would be a financial crash worse than anything the country has ever experienced, because of the fact that a coterie of capitalists controls the country. Were war declared tomorrow, the treasury, although well supplied at present, would soon be depleted and the government would be absolutely at the mercy of the Morgans, the Rothchilds and similar syndicates of this country and England.

The whole question assumes a new and unexpected aspect since Secretary of State Olney has declared that even though congress should pass the Cameron resolution over the president's veto, he would still refuse to recognize Cuba.

The fact that such recognition would be an executive function appears to give the president discretionary power in the matter. If that position be maintained the whole matter may be postponed until after McKinley shall have called a special session of congress. The republican party has shown great sympathy for Cuba on paper, but it is doubtful if McKinley would be more courageous than would Olney and Cleveland. By that time the Spanish butcher will have murdered most of the people on the island and destroyed what property remains.

The mills are closing one by one, despite the McKinley brand of prosperity.

B. D. O'Connell's opinion of the city charter stands unassailed.

OLNEY'S BIG COUP

Will End the Cuban Resolution Talk.

CLEVELAND SUSTAINS A SIMILAR POSITION.

Nothing Will Be Done For The Present.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Cleveland, who returned to this city yesterday from his hunting trip, fully endorses the position announced Saturday by Mr. Olney when he declared that the recognition of a foreign state is exclusively an executive function. Mr. Olney made his statement without consultation with the president, and took the precaution to say that it was his own views that he was expressing. He had frequently discussed with the president the question as to the right of the legislative branch of the government to control the action of the president in foreign affairs, and was therefore thoroughly familiar with the views of his chief. He consequently had no misgivings as to how the president would regard his action. He had a consultation with the president yesterday, and the statement that Mr. Cleveland approved the action of the secretary of state was made after the consultation was ended.

Congress will not adopt the resolutions acknowledging Cuba's independence. There is little prospect that they will ever come to a vote even in the senate. It may be that they will not be seriously discussed. The blow which Secretary Olney struck them will almost certainly prove fatal. So evident is this that members of the committee on foreign relations who voted in favor of a report on Friday do not hesitate to say that it will be better on every account to drop the business altogether and not continue an agitation which can have no practical result.

In the first flush of indignation over Secretary Olney's statement there were many who predicted that it would only hasten action by intensifying the feeling of the friends of Cuba in congress. This does not seem to be the opinion after a night's sleep on it. It is recognized that the openly avowed hostility of the administration will strengthen the hands of those in authority in the house, who have all along been averse to recognition by the present congress. Speaker Reed has with him the committee on rules, and a very influential element in the foreign affairs committee, who will do everything in their power to prevent resolutions ever getting before the house. The knowledge of this and of the fact that an executive veto awaits the resolutions should they ever reach the other end of the avenue has served to temper the zeal of some of the most earnest advocates of Cuba in the senate, and there is an inclination to let the whole business drop now that it is certain that no good can come out of it.

Owing to the fact that the senate will comparatively little will be accomplished in that time. Ordinarily a quorum would not be present, with the holidays so near, but interest in the Cuban question will have the effect of attracting a good attendance today, when the Cuban resolution, as agreed to by the committee on foreign relations, will be reported to the senate. The report will be written, and is quite voluminous.

Whether its presentation will be used as a pretext for discussing the Cuban question at this time is as yet uncertain. It is contrary to the policy of the committee on foreign relations to have the matter discussed previous to the holidays, but it is possible that some senators, not members of the committee, may want to express their opinions at this time. There is, however, no probability of any effort to secure action on the resolution now.

There is very little probability that there will be any change in the program of congress for an adjournment for the holidays on Dec. 22, because of the Cameron Cuban resolution. The rules of the senate provide that in a case of a single objection to the consideration of a bill or resolution reported it shall go over till the next day. Consequently if an attempt was made to have the resolution considered today this objection would be forthcoming. A great many senators have made their preparations to leave the city for the holiday recess, and it is thought unlikely that a quorum can be mustered on Tuesday by which business can be transacted, and this point would be raised if the Cameron resolution was brought forward.

The statement made by Mr. Olney is still a subject of earnest discussion. On some hands his position is fully sustained, while on others it is admitted that perhaps from a purely technical statement of law the secretary's position is correct, but that certainly he violates the principle of the constitution. Those who make this contention reverse the circumstances. Supposing, they say, that the president declared that he intended to recognize a republic, and that congress should pass a resolution declaring it their judgment that no such action should be taken, would it be possible for the president in the face of the position of both the senate and the house to exercise his prerogative and recognize a republic? This constitutional point has, for the time being, supplanted in interest the resolution itself, and it is known that when the resolution is brought forward for discussion that a debate of considerable interest and length will ensue on this subject. The position of Mr. Olney, setting forth that of the administration, will undoubtedly have its effect in some quarters of the senate, and it is said that sufficient opposition can be mustered to defeat the resolution.

The house will adjourn on Tuesday for the Christmas recess, and as members are leaving by every train, it is very doubtful whether a quorum will be present again until after the holidays. This being the case, whatever is done will have to be done practically by unanimous consent. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill is still unfinished. This bill and the bill for the maintenance of the military academy the leaders hope to pass before the recess. The only thing which may stand in the way of carrying out this program will be the fight which the library committee will wage against the provision relative to the library in the legislative bill.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED

In a Boston Tenement—Clothing Caught From Stove.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Alice Johnson, who is also known by the name of Goodell, of 22 Salem street, a white woman, living with William Johnson, colored, was perhaps fatally burned by a kerosene lamp. She is 30 years old. Her injuries consist of burns of a serious nature on the neck and lower limbs. When the police, who had been attracted by the sounds of a woman's screams, reached the tenement they discovered Mrs. Johnson lying on the floor surrounded by a mass of flames. Johnson was arrested and taken to the station at the same time. When she came to Mrs. Johnson claimed that her husband poured oil on her clothing from a can and then sent fire to it. Johnson denies this and says that his wife, who had been drinking heavily, tried to fill a lamp from a can, but spilled the oil over herself. Her clothing caught fire from the stove, which stood in the room, as she was staggering about. The absence of the cap from the lamp found in the room bears out his story.

ANOTHER FRAUD EXPOSED.

Concannon's Fake Medium Again Exposed—This Time by Herald Reporter.

Boston, Dec. 21. — Pandemonium reigned at the Spiritual temple again yesterday morning. Medium Concannon lay on the platform in a swoon for nearly 30 minutes, half dressed, everybody talked, everybody shouted, and all because of a silk handkerchief which it was alleged Mr. Concannon intended to use for his full-form materialization act, while Mrs. Ayer and some 10 or 20 Spiritualists assert that this handkerchief was stolen from Mr. Concannon by Elmer Hire, a reporter, who was on the examining committee, who produced it at his own time and claimed that he had taken it from the medium then and there. Some claimed that Mr. Concannon has been exposed for the second time in Boston, while others were equally sure that Concannon had been outraged and was the victim of a mean and dastardly act.

HAVERHILL THIEF CAUGHT

And Held for Worcester Officials Who Want Him.

New York, Dec. 21.—James Fisher, alias James F. French, 34 years old, was arrested here Saturday and held pending the arrival of a Worcester (Mass.) officer. The prisoner on Dec. 11 last stole an overcoat and $60 from the manager of the Bartlett hotel at Haverhill, Mass.

TWO WERE DROWNED

While Skating on Thin Ice Yesterday in Manchester, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Alfred Fortier, 16 years of age, and Aubrey Abel, 17, were drowned in the Merrimack river yesterday afternoon. The two went skating on the ice, which had been forming only since Friday. They were together when the ice gave way from under them and were both engulfed. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

McKinley Goes to Church.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—President-elect McKinley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams and their two sons, attended divine service at the Sixth Presbyterian church yesterday. Mrs. McKinley was unable to accompany them. Every inch of seating room in the auditorium was filled, and many sat in chairs in the aisles and in the foyer in the rear of the pews. After service the major shook hands with a number of the congregation. There were fully 1000 people outside the church waiting for the distinguished visitor to come out. The neighboring windows were turned into grandstands. As soon as Major McKinley appeared outside all made a rush to shake hands with him. The police kept many away. The party finally reached the carriage, through the window of which Major McKinley shook hands with the crowd. Major and Mrs. McKinley left for Canton, O., at 11:30 o'clock last night.

Suit Against Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Attorney General Fitzgerald has filed a sensational demurrer in the United States circuit court in the case of the Southern Pacific company against the board of railway commissioners of California. The document raises points of vital interest to the Southern Pacific company, as the attorney general attacks the validity of the railway company's charter, and denies its rights to operate its branch roads in this state. The original suit was brought to enjoin the railroad commission from enforcing its schedule of freights, reducing grain rates 4 cents. In the preliminary decision rendered by Judge McKenna the grain rates were declared to be unreasonable, and the temporary injunction granted when the suit instituted was ordered to continue until the case was tried on its merits.

Pearl Bryan's Murderers.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—Sheriff Plummer of Newport was in consultation yesterday with Governor Bradley. The latter indicated that he would fix the same day for the execution of both Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. The final mandates of the court have not yet reached the governor, but he is already receiving letters by hundreds pleading for mercy for Pearl Bryan's murderers.

Knives Used In a Fight.

Ashland, Pa., Dec. 21.—During a free fight on Centre street late Saturday night Michael and John Gouldin were dangerously stabbed, and Patrick Gouldin, William Evans and Anthony Cummings were badly cut about the face and arms. Hibert McCormick, ex-chief of police, was stabbed in the back. Michael and John Gouldin are not expected to recover.

THREE SISTERS BURNED

THEY BELONGED TO A REVOLUTIONARY FAMILY.

Accident Caused By Alcohol Igniting From a Lamp.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 21.—Martha Wilbor, Elizabeth Wilbor and Charlotte Wilbor, three sisters, descendants of a well-known old colonial family, which was among the early settlers here, perished in the burning of their home here Saturday night. All three women resided alone in the old homestead. The accident was caused by alcohol which Miss Elizabeth Wilbor was using becoming ignited from a lamp which was on a table beside her.

Charges of Fraud In Recount.

Boston, Dec. 21.—In the recount of the ballots cast for street commissioner Saturday night a deliberate attempt was made, it is claimed, to rob John H. Duane of his election. The fraud was, it is alleged, one of the most glaring known to have been committed, and the alleged perpetrators of it were in a group of four clerks of the board, who were assigned by it to the task of unfolding the ballots, as they had been deposited by the voters in the ballot box, and spreading them flat in blocks of 50, ready for the patent counting machine. Five wards have been counted, and in these alone Mr. Duane sustains a loss of more than 100 votes. Losses at the same proportion in the other 25 wards of the city would mean his defeat by a handful of votes.

Shielded Her Lover.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 21.—F. Ward Williams, aged 35, is lying in the hospital in a serious condition from a knife stab just above the heart, inflicted by Miss Sadie Reed, at her home, 106 Main street Saturday night. Miss Reed afterward attempted to cut her own throat, but was prevented. The affair was the outcome of a quarrel, during which Williams accused the girl of unfaithfulness. She is now under arrest awaiting the result of the injury.

Clue to Dean's Murderer.

Maynard, Mass., Dec. 21.—It was rumored yesterday that a pocketbook containing between $100 and $200, and belonging to John Dean, who was murdered on Thursday night, had been found in a house on Main street. The discovery of the pocketbook may possibly lead to the identification of the two men who were seen standing in front of Dean's house late Thursday afternoon. One of the men was tall and the other was short. The tall man, the police declare, is Barnes, who was arrested Friday, while the short man is the one in whose house it is alleged the pocketbook was found by the state police.

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SPANIARDS CLAIM THEY ARE READY TO FIGHT.

Weyler Instructed to Hurry His Campaign.

Madrid, Dec. 21. — The explicit announcement is made that Senor Supuy De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, has telegraphed to his government here that he has had a conference with Mr. Olney, the secretary of state, in the course of which the latter assured him that Spain might rest tranquil until March at least, since, despite the attitude of congress, President Cleveland would not recognize the independence of Cuba.

General Marcelo De Azcarraga, the minister of war, was suffering from an indisposition, and was not able to be interviewed on the situation, but a number of high officials of the war office consented to supplement the expressions from the foreign office.

These officials stated that Captain General Weyler in Cuba has received instructions to hurry up his campaign by the delivery of bold strokes against the insurgents in order to prevent the Cubans from rallying from the disaster of Maceo's death, and in order to deprive the Americans of any pretext for a demand for Cuban independence.

"The war office," said one of the high officials in that department yesterday, "will not provoke, nor will it flinch from any contest upon which depends the national honor. The army can rely upon absolute support, with patriotic enthusiasm, and with the entire resources of the country. We can land 500,000 more soldiers in Cuba within three months. We believe that the principal inhabitants of Cuba would unconditionally support Spain against the Americans."

War officials also assert that Captain General Weyler's army will not be allowed to return to the Spanish peninsula except as victors. It is claimed that General Azcarraga, minister of war, is considered the ablest, though quietest, organizer of modern times, and that he is perfectly able to carry out the war office's statement that if circumstances compel them to do so they are ready to meet complications with the United States.

Senor Emilio Castelar, the distinguished Spanish Republican, gave the following signed statement:

"Inspired by high patriotism, joined with a great appreciation of the American people, I believe that the sense of justice and the material interests of the majority of the people of the United States will prevent a war with Spain, through whose instrumentality the New World was discovered, by which Americans have been most highly benefited."

Senor Castelar said further that he was acting as a bond of union between the Liberals and Conservatives in order to secure the agreement of all parties in Spain to ward off or repel any outrage upon the national honor. He had secured a good understanding, he said, between Senor Canovas Del Castillo, the president of the council, and Senor Sagasta, ex-premier of the Liberal government, thus strengthening the hands of the government to carry out the necessary measures to satisfy the reasonable demands of outsiders and affording content to the colonists, while always defending the national honor.

Senor Castelar considers that if she were pushed to desperation, Spain could inflict serious damage upon the United States in case of war.

"Spain will not provoke a quarrel," he continued, "but she cannot refuse it while right and honor are on her side. Nor would Spain be alone. Grave international complications would ensue."

Senor Castelar point out that he considers international wars at the present day a disgrace to modern civilization. Such a war, he thought, would be more illogical for the United States than for any other great nation. He regarded the United States as the model for all other nations in avoiding wars and seeking the settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

According to interviews published in the Madrid papers Senor Canovas is reported as saying that everything is ready to apply reform in the Spanish West Indies, but that all will depend upon the course of the campaign in Cuba. The reforms, he says, will be applied first to Porto Rico, but nothing has been decided upon the subject pending the receipt of further dispatches from Captain General Weyler.

"While I am premier," said Senor Canovas, "Spain will not provoke a conflict with the United States, but I will brook no attack on the sovereignty of Spain. I say this calmly, but I am resolved to abide by it. This is my last word."

Admiral Jose Maria Beranger, the minister of marine, said:

"I consider a rupture between Spain and the United States improbable, but, with a view of averting any chance of a conflict, the Spanish men-of-war in Cuban waters have received strict instructions to avoid any friction with the United States. Nevertheless, in order to be prepared for any emergency, I have ordered the vessels building abroad and at home for the government to be completed rapidly for service. The marine infantry will be strongly organized, and all the seamen in the maritime districts will be enrolled. Should a war unfortunately arise, the mercantile marine would fit out numerous privateers, manned by picked crews, which would be capable of inflicting great damage upon American shipping on the high seas and on unfortified American seaports."

Admiral Beranger expressed his belief that the Spanish navy, in the daring of the crews and the strength of the ships, was a match for the American. He expressed the hope, however, that Spain would only require her navy to defend her colonial possessions from insurgent criminals without any international conflict.

El Dia recommends that the commercial classes cease all relations with the United States with a view to stopping all trade between the two countries. The provincial press is even more energetic. Much anti-American feeling exists at Barcelona, Balboa and other towns.

Litigation between the Edison company and the American Graphophone company, which has been in the United States supreme court for years, has been amicably settled.

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Bertha Goldsmith, 16 years old, daughter.

Harry Goldsmith, 8 years old, son.

Frank Goldsmith, 6 years old, son.

The only other person in the house at the time of the fire was Mary Rosea, 20 years old, a domestic servant, who saved her life by jumping out of a second-story window, as she told the police. She was uninjured and refused to go to a hospital, and was cared for by one of the neighbors.

How the fire, which roasted alive all the members of the Goldsmith family, had its origin no one can clearly tell, and no one has been able to learn exactly how it came to pass that all of those five people, who were first smothered and then roasted, came to their deaths so quickly without making an apparent effort to escape. The only one who may be able to throw any light on the matter is the serving maid, Mary Rosea, but she was too much wrought up to give a connected account of the affair.

According to the story told by the servant, she was on the third floor of the building, in the act of putting Harry and Frank, the two youngest boys, to bed, when she heard the cry of fire coming from the floor below, with calls to her to come down. She ran out of the bedroom and hurried down the stairs, and the little children followed her. As soon as she looked into the front room, on the second floor, she saw the whole front end of the room ablaze. Then she became frightened and ran out into a rear room and jumped from an open window to the ground. What more happened she does not know, but she says that the fire was caused by the upsetting of a large piano lamp in the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith and the oldest child, Bertha, were sitting.

Thomas Barker Buried.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 21.—The funeral services of the late Thomas E. Barker occurred yesterday afternoon at his late home, 23 Chestnut street, and was attended by a large number of prominent people and numerous organizations with which the deceased was connected. Among the prominent people present were Corporal James A. Tanner of Washington, Colonel John C. Linehan of New Hampshire, and Mrs. L. A. Turner, ex-president of the national W. C. T. U. The floral offerings were profuse, and included handsome tributes from the various organizations. The eulogy was pronounced by Rev. E. A. Horton of Boston. Selections from the scriptures were read by Rev. James F. Albion of the Universalist church, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Horton. Appropriate musical selections were rendered by the Herbert L. Johnson quartet. The pall bearers were Colonel A. A. Rand of the Royal Legion, Captain J. G. B. Adams of the Soldiers' Home, W. Y. Wadleigh of the Wholesale Grocers' association, Captain George E. Cressey of the Grand Army, Commander E. W. Bourne of post 40, Malden; ex-Mayor Joseph F. Wiggin of the Masons, Major E. E. Bedee of the Twelfth New Hampshire regiment, and Joseph Harris, the business partner of the late Mr. Barker. The burial was at the Forest Dale cemetery.

National Board of Trade.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Among the subjects that will be presented before the national board of trade by the delegation from the Cincinnati chamber of commerce are recommendations favoring uniform freight classification, revision of the tariff, retirement of the greenbacks, reduction of the tax of bank notes to ½ of 1 per cent, increase of circulation of national banks to par value of bonds deposited, establishment of a national clearing house, issuance of no bank notes for less than $5 after July, 1898, international bimetallism, discontinuance of the sub-treasury system, extension of the Torrens system, improvement of the interior waterways, adoption of all nations of a monetary unit of a common value and the establishment of a department of commerce and manufactures.

Reappearance of "Cooney the Fox."

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21. — John P. Kunz, the suspect in the famous Dr. Cronin murder case, who was known as "Cooney the fox," has been arrested and taken to Leavenworth, Kan., charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Kunz recently bought the Hotel Imperial in that city for $25,000, giving a check for $500 on account, and pending a settlement of the deal borrowed considerable money and left town without repaying it.

Armenian Society Meets.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The United Friends of Armenia society was presided over by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe at its annual meeting Saturday. One of the interesting items of business transacted was the unanimous adoption of the following resolution: "That the recent attempt of F. Hopkinson Smith to cast opprobrium upon the persecuted Armenians and to excuse the barbarous massacre of 60,000 unarmed Armenian Christians, by the express orders of the Turkish government, is an insult to the intelligence of the American people, and will forever associate his name with that of the great assassin."

Don't Want War.

Danville, Pa., Dec. 21.—Rev. Dr. McAtee, pastor of the Grove Presbyterian church, this city, in a stirring prelude to his sermon yesterday morning, made an earnest appeal for peace and non-intervention in Cuban affairs at present. At an informal meeting of the congregation held at the close of the service a resolution was adopted unanimously endorsing the pastor's views and calling upon congress, and especially upon Pennsylvania's senators and representatives, to abstain from any action tending to embroil us in hostilities with Spain.

Cuban Meeting In Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—A meeting of Cuban sympathizers was held in the Lyceum theater yesterday afternoon. The building was packed to the doors, and the enthusiasm was intense. Resolutions were adopted recognizing the independence of Cuba and recommending the United States to interfere and stop hostilities. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. Fields. Addresses were delivered by ex-Judge Harlan, Emory P. Close, Devoe P. Hodson and others. A collection was taken up for the relief of the suffering in Cuba.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR

THE PRESERVES

Natural Color of the Hair

Destroyed.

THE LOSSES WILL AGGREGATE OVER $100,000.

Town Saved By Help From Worcester.

Uxbridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—One of the greatest conflagrations that has occurred in Worcester county for many years broke out in the heart of the business section early yesterday morning, and before it could be controlled four large business blocks and three other buildings were burned, entailing a loss of over $100,000, upon which there was an insurance of $65,000. The fire is the second serious one in this town within three years. It burned for over seven hours, and the greater part of the town would undoubtedly have been wiped out had not timely assistance been sent from Worcester.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Flames were first noticed in two different places in the big three-story wooden block on Main street owned by H. E. Gunn. Two men, who arrived from Worcester on the late train, discovered the blaze, and although they promptly notified the local brigade, which was soon on the spot, the flames, fanned by a brisk west wind, spread with great rapidity to the three-story brick building adjoining, owned by A. R. Taft, and like the Gunn building was occupied by a large number of business firms and offices. At this time, when the serious aspect of the fire became apparent, the fire department of Worcester was requested to send assistance.

From the Taft block flames leaped across the street to the three-story wooden building owned by Christian Gredig, which contained the store of George Newell and several other places of business. This building burned furiously, and the town seemed to be in such danger that many residents for quite a distance away moved the furniture from their dwellings. Sparks and live cinders fell all over the place, and bucket brigades were kept busy extinguishing incipient blazes which started up in several places. The local brigade, which is inadequate to protect the town at any time, was handicapped by a poor water supply, and was powerless to stay the flames.

About 3 o'clock the three-story wooden building owned by E. M. Goldthwaite was on fire, and also the two-story building owned by Christian Gredig in the rear of his big block. The Goldthwaite building was a complete wreck, and the fire continued to spread when a special train from Worcester, with a steamer and hose carriage, in charge of Assistant Chief Lamb, arrived. After some little difficulty in obtaining water the Worcester engine succeeded in getting several good streams in the most advantageous place and undoubtedly saved a much greater loss. With the exception of a barn owned by Mr. Gredig and a few outbuildings, etc., the fire was stopped at the two-story building owned by Gredig. This building, although still standing, was completely gutted, and is practically a total loss.

The ruins burned fiercely well into the forenoon, and owing to the strong wind a large number of citizens and the firemen worked hard to prevent a further outbreak. The assistant chief of Woonsocket and two of his men came up early yesterday morning and aided the local department.

Following are the losses in detail: Gunn block—Loss on building $20,000, insurance $15,000; occupants, H. E. Gunn, druggist, loss $5000, insurance, $3000; F. W. Barnes, jeweler, loss $300; C. A. Carter, clothing store, loss $8000, insurance $6500; loss on several lawyers and insurance agents' offices $200 to $500 each; Foresters' hall on the top floor, loss $500.

Taft building—Loss on building $15,000, insurance $5000; occupants, Blackstone National bank, loss $4000, no insurance; E. C. Hayward, general store, loss $9500, insurance $5500; Dr. Gray, dentist, loss about $500; Odd Fellows' hall on the top floor, loss $2500, insurance $2000; several dressmakers sustained small losses.

Christian Gredig's loss, three-story building, $23,000, insurance $10,000; two-story building, loss $2000, insurance $1000; barn, loss $300. Occupants three-story Gredig building, George Newell, store, loss $1000, insurance $800; J. Tucker, billiards, loss $500, insurance $400; J. Stewart, harnessmaker, loss $300, insurance $200; Abell Bros., confectionery, $100, and occupants of offices slight losses.

In the Goldthwaite block—J. Kelley, dry goods, loss $5000, insurance $3000; William Berry, billiards, loss $300, insurance $700; several milliners also lost their property, upon which there is an insurance.

Whitefish Eggs For Lake Ontario.

Rochester, Dec. 21.—James Annin, Jr., state superintendent of hatcheries under direction of the state fish, game and forestry commission, has completed the work of shipping the whitefish in Canandaigua lake. Although it is the first time that the commission has ever obtained whitefish eggs from the inland waters of this state, the result was most satisfactory, as over 12,000,000 eggs were secured, of which 10,000,000 will be taken to the Caledonia hatchery for propagation. The remaining 2,000,000, together with 1,500,000 taken from Lake Ontario and 8,500,000 taken from Lake Michigan, will be placed in the hatchery at Clayton. When the entire 22,000,000 eggs have been hatched, and the proper time comes, the fry will be released in Lake Ontario, with the view of restoring to that lake what it has lost in whitefish of late years.

Narrow Escape.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Dr. and Mrs. William Bertram of East Boston were severely burned about the hands, arms and face at their home last night by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. An alarm of fire was rung in and the department speedily squelched the fire, which was making rapid headway when the department reached the house.

Sight Inventor Dead.

New York, Dec. 21.—William Lyman of Middlefield, Conn., son of the late David Lyman, died of pneumonia in New York city yesterday. William Lyman was best known as the inventor and manufacturer of the Lyman gun sight, in use all over the world. He was a member of the Connecticut legislature in 1891.

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will ratify the Guiana boundary arbitration treaty with England negotiated by the United States, and that President Crespo is entirely satisfied with it. The governors of the four states of the Venezuelan republic favor the ratification of the treaty.

President Crespo has received Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuela's minister to the United States, who came here from Washington recently, bringing with him a draft of the treaty for ratification.

The president received at the same time James J. Storrow, the Boston attorney, who prepared and submitted to the boundary commission appointed by the United States Venezuela's brief in answer to the British blue book summary of the case.

Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow sailed together yesterday for New York.

Before their departure Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow had an audience with President Crespo. The president told Mr. Storrow that he was grateful to him for his efforts in behalf of the Venezuelan people, and that he extended thanks to him in their name. The president also informed Mr. Storrow that it would give him pleasure to confer honorary citizenship in the republic upon him if he would consent to accept the gift.

President Crespo then notified Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow that he trusted in their good offices to secure slight modifications in the proposed Anglo-Venezuelan treaty for the settlement of the Guiana boundary question. He thought the Venezuelan government was entitled to one representative upon the projected arbitration tribunal. That much the Venezuelan people demanded, and they were, President Crespo said, upheld by the government in that respect.

The ratification of the treaty by the congress, which meets in February, is almost certain.

Train Wreck In Louisiana.

Dallas, Dec. 21.—There was a bad wreck on the Texas and Pacific railroad near Sodus, La., yesterday. It is learned that three men were killed and seven badly injured. Following are the wounded: C. L. Gates, St. Paul; Dave Miller, St. Louis; Frank Terry, Argentine, Colo.; Charles Williams, Jerry Henderson and George Brown, residences unknown. The names of the killed are not known.

Militia Captain Resigns.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 21.—H. G. Crockett, captain of company D, Second regiment since November, 1893, will forward his resignation to headquarters Dec. 31. Business pressure is the reason given, but it is understood that he feels unable, on account of local and state indifference, to raise his command to a desired standard. He enlisted as a private in company D in 1886, and has served with credit as corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain.

Drowned Himself In Horse Trough.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—Danforth Newcomb of Hollis, 62 years old, committed suicide yesterday by drowning in a horse trough. Ill health was the cause of the act.

Spanish Anarchists Sentenced.

Barcelona, Dec. 21.—Eight of the anarchists who recently had their trial in this city for throwing a bomb into the Corpus Christi procession last June have been sentenced to death.

Gompers In the Pulpit.

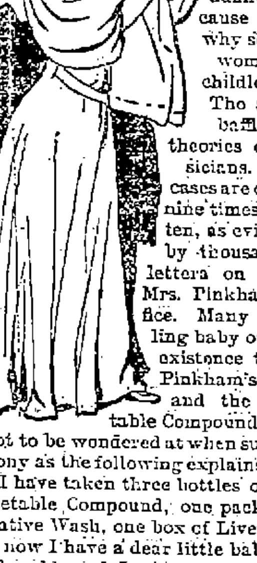
Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Yesterday afternoon President Gompers occupied the pulpit of Wesley chapel, speaking in the interests of organized labor. Bishop Walden and most of the ministers of this city occupied seats on the platform. His subject was "A Rough Sketch of a Rugged Struggle."

JOYS OF MATERNITY.

Vigorous Mothers and Sturdy Children Are Always Admired.

Why so Many Women Are Childless—A Problem That Has Puzzled Physicians for Centuries.

Reproduction is a law of nature, and no picture of joy and happiness can equal that of the vigorous mother and her sturdy child.



Nature makes but few mistakes, and every thoughtful person must admit that a cause exists, why so many women are childless.

The subject baffles the theories of physicians. Such cases are curable nine times out of ten, as evidenced by thousands of letters on file at Mrs. Pinkham's office. Many a darling baby owes its existence to Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the Vegetable Compound. This is not to be wondered at when such testimony as the following explains itself:

"I have taken three bottles of your Vegetable Compound, one package of Sanative Wash, one box of Liver Pills; and now I have a dear little babe four weeks old, and I am well. I have to thank you for this.

"I have spent $200.00 for doctor's bills without obtaining any relief. For my cure I only spent $5.00.

"I had been a victim of female troubles in their worst form; suffered untold agonies every month; had to stay in bed, and have poultices applied, and then could not stand the pain.

"My physician told me if I became pregnant I would die. I had bladder trouble, itching, backache, catarrh of the stomach, hysteria and heart trouble, fainting spells and leucorrhœa. Can you wonder that I sing the praises of a medicine that has cured me of all these ills?"—Mrs. Geo. C. Kirchner, 172 Belmont Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.

It Will Sweep the Globe.

Until lately Massachusetts was the enemy's country.

The people of the state have long suffered.

Many have had no relief by day nor rest by night.

Among the thousands, few were able to tell the cause of their sufferings.

And the enemy ruled.

But a champion came.

California Catarrh Cure undertook to relieve the oppressed people.

And the enemy, catarrh, that had its grasp on nearly every citizen, will soon be driven from the Old Bay State.

Already the people rejoice.

California Catarrh Cure has won their confidence, and this is the way it does it:

A bad case of catarrh which California Catarrh Cure relieved was that of Fred A. Dutton of 70 Spring street, Stoneham, Mass. He says:

"I was for many years a great sufferer from catarrh. My sense of smell was nearely all gone, my eyesight and hearing badly impaired as well as my taste; the mucous that ran down my throat nights kept me continually hawking and spitting and the odor from my breath was something awful. I heard of C. C. C., California Catarrh Cure, and procuring a bottle followed directions. I very soon found it was doing me good and continuing used two large bottles. I considered myself cured, and am heartily grateful to California Cure for relieving my suffering."

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Edwin Gould is buying Diamond Match stock.

Elizabeth, N. J., was visited by a $200,000 fire Saturday.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalini of Hawaii will arrive in Boston this week.

Fire at St. Paul Saturday night burned $100,000 worth of property.

Frank C. Moulton, grocer at Portsmouth, N. H., has assigned.

Right Rev. James Lynch, D. D., bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Ire., is dead.

City Chamberlain Murray of Watertown, N. Y., is $600 short in his accounts.

The pension office at Washington has been selected as the place for the inaugural ball.

The house of C. A. Prevost, M. D., at St. Johnsbury, Vt., was partially destroyed by fire.

The Barrett Jewelry company of Providence was robbed of $2000 worth of jewelry by burglars.

The lodge rooms of the A. P. A. at San Antonio, Tex., were robbed of records and list of members.

Tom Burns, captain of last year's Newark baseball team, will manage the Hartford club next season.

William Wheeler, 42 years old, and a lawyer, committed suicide at Washington by taking rough on rats.

Frederick E. Waldron, a prominent attorney and city solicitor of Waterville, Me., dropped dead in his office.

The headquarters of the American Federation of Labor have been changed from Indianapolis to Washington.

Yale men have redoubled their efforts to bring about an amicable settlement of the differences between their university and Harvard.

The report that the breweries controlled by Hon. Frank Jones of Portsmouth, N. H., had been sold to an English syndicate is denied.

Mrs. Daniel B. Whiting died at Amesbury, Mass., aged about 60 years. She was a direct descendant of Major Robert Pike, the English commoner.

William Waller of Philadelphia, aged 25, was murdered while asleep by John King, who cut his throat with a razor. Jealousy caused the crime. King was arrested.

The Farmers Product company, capital $1,000,000, nothing paid in, has been organized at Bangor Me., for the purpose of buying, selling and slaughtering live stock.

Naval officers are concerned about the supply of ammunition in the event war with Spain should break out. The ordnance department has no reserve supply on hand.

F. Neal Boyd, aged 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Boyd, dropped dead while skating at Hyde Park, Mass. He was manager of the high school football eleven, and well liked by his classmates.

Dr. A. G. Cunningham, a flour and commission merchant of Halifax, who has been in financial difficulties for some time, is missing, and it is believed he has gone to either Boston or New York. His liabilities are about $30,000.

Memorial services in honor of Maceo, the Cuban patriot, were held at Chickering hall, New York. The attendance was large, and when the collection box was passed many ladies removed their rings and other jewelry and put them in the plate.

News received from Bluefields, Nicaragua, indicate an open rupture between Nicaragua and Colombia. The bone of contention is the ownership of Great and Little Corn islands, lying off Bocas Del Toro. The islands are now the property of Nicaragua, but Colombia claims them.

John Telfer of Annapolis, N. S., whose peculiar case has baffled the skill of physicians for the past 15 years, is dead. Telfer, who was 70 years old, was severely injured by a fall 15 years ago. Every year he would enter into a sort of trance late in the fall, and would not awaken until May or June of the next year.

Hugo Wagener, carpenter at Buffalo, 25 years of age, went to the home of his sister, Mrs. Reinhold Wolfram, for the purpose of killing her, her two young children, his other sister and his brother and himself. He shot his sister in the left arm, his brother-in-law in the left wrist, fired two shots at the children and then killed himself. Family troubles led to the tragedy.

Cuban Sentiment In Mexico.

City of Mexico, Dec. 21.—The students of Oaxaca, in a public meeting, passed resolutions deploring the death of Maceo and urging the government to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic. Cuban sentiment here is intense, and all news from the United States showing equal warmth in the great republic is read with great interest.

Bad Fire In Virginia Town.

East Radford, Va., Dec. 21.—Fire broke out in the grocery of T. J. Newell yesterday and spread rapidly, burning in three directions, entirely consuming 35 houses, of which the majority were stores. The loss is estimated at over $100,000, with insurance of about $10,000.

Report That Another Was

Killed Instead.

THE FEATURES OF THE CUBAN CAMPAIGN

As Reported to the London Times.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 21.—A special to The Citizen from Tampa says: Passengers arriving on the steamship Olivette last night from Havana report that the people in general there are now more tenaciously than ever clinging to the belief that Maceo still lives. The report current there is that Maceo accepted the invitation of the Spaniards to consult under a flag of truce, and that instead of going himself he sent one Medina, a Cuban very much resembling him, and that it was Medina who was assassinated, and that for strategic reasons Maceo remains quiet.

The same people also report that the Marquis of Apzetequia began grinding his cane last week, but the work was stopped by an order from Weyler. The marquis is a rabid Spanish sympathizer, and his estate is called Constancia, in the province of Cienfuegos.

Friday, a negro woman, 26 years old, was arrested for being a member of the insurgent band. She was given a military trial and sentenced to be shot. This is a new departure in the war.

London, Dec. 21.—A letter from Havana to The Times, dated Dec. 5, dwells upon the fact that the white element now predominates largely in the rebel ranks, while the rebels possess the sympathy of nearly all educated Cubans, the truth of which, the correspondent continues, is seen in the number of prominent people sent as political prisoners to the Spanish penal settlements in the last six months. The worst elements of the rebellion have therefore disappeared, and the independent Cuban government, if weak, would at least be in the hands of educated and responsible men.

Sure-Death Whiskey.

Wheeling, Dec. 21.—A special from Sistersville says 16 men were poisoned by drinking bad "speak easy" whisky in the Benwood oil field in Monroe county, Ohio, Saturday. Three are dead, another dying, three more described as crazy, and nine others were very sick, and the lives of several of them are despaired of. The dead are: W. H. Price, a wealthy farmer, on whose land the first well in the Benwood pool was discovered; Charles Seibert, a merchant of Sardis, O., who also has a store in the Benwood field; Thomas Clegg, a farmer, on whose farm there are one or more wells. The man reported dying is Henry Roth, a farmer in the Benwood neighborhood. The names of the others suffering from the fiery compound could not be ascertained.

Another Cruiser Ready For War.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The new United States cruiser Brooklyn, which has been lying at League island navy yard since going into commission three weeks ago, will start on her first official cruise next Saturday. She will steam first to the naval station at Newport, R. I. After her torpedoes have been taken on board the cruiser will proceed to Brooklyn, where the citizens of that municipality will formally present to the ship a handsome silver service. After this ceremony and the attendant festivities have been concluded the ship will go to Hampton Roads and join the Atlantic squadron.

With Masonic Rites.

New York, Dec. 21.—The body of Alexander Hermann, the great magician, was laid to rest in a vault in Woodlawn cemetery yesterday, where it is to remain until the family have decided upon a permanent burial place. Previous to the interment funeral services were held at the Masonic Temple, which were attended by a large crowd, including many members of the theatrical profession. The Jewish services were conducted by Rabbi Joseph Silverman of Temple Emanuel, and were followed by the Masonic rites, conducted by Grand Master Charles Heiser.

Turkey For Bryan.

Westerly, R. I., Dec. 21.—A 25-pound turkey was shipped to Hon. William Jennings Bryan yesterday by Horace Vose, the veteran dealer in presidents' turkeys.

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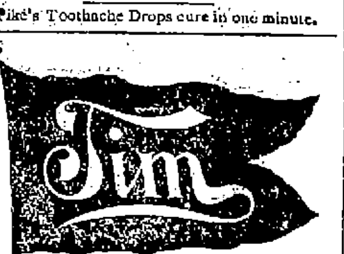

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...right. Address Lock Box 1073, Meriden, Conn.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name of owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home, No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—4 room flat at 634 Broadway.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 101 Bridge street.

WANTED—500 Ladies to call at the Union Supply, 65 Merrimack street, up one flight, room 2, to get dressed in good style. The best of garments, mackintoshes, dresses, wrappers and millinery. Cash or credit. Lowest of prices. Over Central Savings bank.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4, per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; acrostic or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address R, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 8 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a home and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athan Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—Just the place you want to make money on a 4 tenement block in Belvidere. Pays 12 per cent. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CATON'S TANSY PILLS for Ladies never fail. Get the genuine and avoid disappointment. $1, all druggists or direct. DR. R. F. CATON, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Good boarding and lodging house near John street. All new furniture and in good shape. 60 boarders. This is an excellent location for business. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelope. Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

MOODY STREET BRIDGE HOUSE LOTS.

New Bridge will be completed in a few days. The electric road is being laid across the bridge. Sewers, gas, city water, etc. 70 houses have been built in the last 8 months, and a large number are being built at the present time. Don't delay, choice lots are going quick, prices are low, only 10, 12 and 15c. per foot, easy monthly payments. Call for plans, terms etc. On the land every afternoon.

A. J. RYAN, Agt.

Room 29A Hildreth Building (Old Post Office)

CHARLES H. COSGROVE, Room 16, Hildreth Building. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

J. M. KINGSBURY, No. 373 Bridge Street. Meats and Provisions. (Successor to Strout & Kingsbury.)

PHILIP J. FARLEY, Room 11, Barristers' Hall. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 12, Shedd's Block. Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opp. American House. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

COURTNEY & COURTNEY, Mansur Block. Counsellors-at-Law. William F. Courtney. Henry S. Courtney.

SMOKE OLD 64 CIGAR

H. BOOT, Manufacturer.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 182 Merrimack Street, Photographers. Crayons, Pastels and Water Colors a specialty. All work guaranteed.

W. A. LEW, 40 John Street. Clothing Cleansed, Dyed and Pressed. Orders received for cleaning, dying and pressing, promptly and neatly executed.

THE LOWELL

Gas Light Company

OFFICE:

22 Shattuck Street, Corner Middle

SEWALL G. MACK, President; JACOB ROGERS, Treasurer; D. B. BARTLETT, Clerk.

Directors: Sewall G. Mack, Levi Sprague, Jacob Rogers, A. G. Cumnock, George S. Motley, Edward M. Tucke, James Francis.

PRICE OF GAS

With the Discount Off for Prompt Payment, is

$1.00 One Thousand Feet

First Class Cooking Stoves set up and rented at a low rate per year, piping included. COKE, broken, screened and delivered, at $4.50 per chaldron; $2.25 per half chaldron, cash.

No charge made for the use of meters.

No charge made for running supply pipes from street mains to consumer's cellar.

Orders when left at office promptly attended to.

16 TO 1

You will be pleased if your watch and jewelery repairing done at Frost's, 120 Central street

DR. WALKER DENTIST

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11 a. m.; sets, 4:15 p. m.,
Length of day—9:4.
Moon rises—5:40 p. m.
High water—12m.; 12 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Fair, followed by local snows in northern portions; westerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

Elegant rubber-tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 139-4.

Orders for coal promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed by Roark & Sullivan, 984 Gorham street. Telephone 556-3.

Do you keep a horse or cow? You can buy the best of grain, hay and bedding for either of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street. Try a barrel of his flour.

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large assortment of the latest bindings, pearl rosaries, and other religious articles suitable for a christmas present at Murphy's 18 Appleton street.

Ward Nine Democrats.

A number of democrats of Ward nine met in Barrister's hall yesterday afternoon and decided to support the following candidates for the city committee in that ward: Frank B. Dow, John E. Drury, Thomas O'Day, Patrick F. Walsh, John E. Sullivan, John Callahan, Frank E. Lundberg, James F. McElholm. A finance committee was also appointed.

CARPET WEAVERS

Say That Dye House May be Kept at Work To Catch Up.

Weavers in the Carpet do not know the cause of the shut-down in the mills. Several of them in speaking of the matter Saturday night, said that the other rooms are ahead of the dye house in work, and one week would let the latter catch up. For that reason they believe the dye house will be kept at work, while the others are out.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

The Lowell public is indebted to Harvey B. Greene, son of Rev. J. M. Greene, for a beautiful volume containing a collection of the most beautiful flowers of Palestine, pressed and neatly pasted on a blank page. On the opposite page is a brief printed description of the flowers. These flowers still maintain their form and color and even a portion of their odor. The book is in great demand and is considered a precious souvenir of the Holy Land.

During the Christmas holidays there are many opportunities offered to lighten the burdens and gladden the hearts of many lonesome ones. Those who can afford it could perform no more pleasant duty than to assist in making Christmas a joy and good cheer for the little orphans in St. Peter's orphan asylum, the Edson orphanage, the Ayer home and the little ones at the Day Nurseries. There are many poor families all over the city who would appreciate a good Christmas dinner and offer thanks and blessings to the kind-hearted donors.

I happened into Major Allen's laboratory, the other day, when he was testing some milk. "There is the greatest food man ever took," he said, as he pointed to some milk. "One quart of good milk contains as much nutriment as three-quarters of a pound of the best steak. Drink milk and eat fruit and you will always be well.

I hear that a handy device for millers and others who have to weigh a large number of articles and at the same time move them from one place to another has recently been patented. A weighing mechanism is placed underneath the bed of a truck in such a manner that the weight of whatever is placed on the truck is indicated at the side, the pressure on the truck-bed pulling on a spring beside the indicator.

AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Three Hundred Members of the Y. M. C. I. Received Holy Communion.

At the 7 o'clock mass of the Immaculate Conception church yesterday, 300 members of the Y. M. C. I. received Holy Communion. Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I. celebrated mass and the Y. M. C. I. glee club sang several hymns, the solos being sustained by Edward Shea. After mass, breakfast was served to the members in the hall. Rev. Fr. Dacey, O. M. I. in behalf of Charles P. Smith, presented the institute with a picture of the crowning of Emperor Charlemagne. President Boulger accepted the gift. The following program was then rendered: Vocal selections, Thomas McQuaide, John J. Murray and John O'Brien; piano solos, Arthur McHugh, violin solos, Prof. John Bamber.

Rev. Fr. Dacey stated that the receipts for the year had been nearly $4,000 and that the interior debt had been paid. All that remains to be discharged now is the mortgage.

Members of the Holy Name society and the Holy Family sodality received Holy Communion at the 7 o'clock mass at St. Patrick's church yesterday.

The next meeting of the Y. M. C. I. will be held Wednesday evening, instead of Thursday. The annual ball of the institute will be held Feb. 9 in Huntington hall.

The Catholic Lyceum met yesterday afternoon and admitted several new members.

At St. Peter's church on the evening of Jan. 10, Rev. Fr. McManus on Lourdes,in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul society,

There will be a reception of promoters of the Sacred Heart league at St. Peter's church, Jan. 8, and Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I. of the Sacred Heart church will preach.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

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BY ORDERING YOUR

Dress Suit

Of Us. The Best Is The Cheapest.

Louis Alexander,

Formerly of Fifth Ave., New York.

Importer and Tailor, No. 65 Central Street.

TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS.

Will be Required to Examine the Eyes of School Children.

A local oculist speaking of the proposition to examine the eyes of the school children, says:

"If one man attempts to examine the eyes of all the school children and applies a test to each one, it will take him two and one-half years, assuming that he will spend one hour each day at his work.

"And I reach my conclusion in this way. It takes from three to five minutes to apply the letter test. Granting he can make the test in three minutes, that means he can examine the eyes of 20 pupils in an hour, which may mean one day's work. There are about 10,000 school children in Lowell and at the rate of 20 a day it would take 500 days to complete the work.

"There are 200 school days in a year; so that it will require just two and one-half years to cover the city."

Sprained His Ankle.

Benjamin Smith slipped and fell on Colburn street Saturday evening and sprained his ankle. He was removed to the corporation hospital.

COL. PINDAR.

May Succeed Himself as Superintendent of the City Farm.

It is stated that Col. Pindar will succeed himself as superintendent of the city farm. There is opposition to him in his own party, caused by the candidacy of ex-Alderman Wyman. It is not thought that Overseer Holgate will vote for Pindar and Wyman's friends are figuring on Overseer McKinley holding out and preventing the election of Pindar. Of course they do not think that the democrats will support Pindar, but in this supposition they may be mistaken for rumor has it that finding the election of a democrat impossible, the democratic overseers will turn to Col. Pindar.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, of Merrimack street.

☞To accommodate our multitude of patrons our popular emporium will keep open every evening until Christmas.---F. G. MITCHELL & CO.

THE MARDI GRAS WON

A tremendous gathering into our store Saturday, such a multitude of bright intelligent shoppers was never seen under one roof in Middlesex County before. Everything went off lovely, no one hurt, all good natured, everybody satisfied and why not? We know why all ought to be satisfied--here is the why and wherefore in a nutshell. The Mardi Gras means a free feast of holiday bargains. We're giving everything away in the shape of profit and it delights us to know that it is appreciated by Lowell's populace. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be a perpetual rush from morning till night. We anticipate the largest crowds yet and are in a quandary as to how we can handle the crowds and wait on them promptly as some of our patrons saw Saturday. Our present staff of help was inadequate for that day, it will therefore not be sufficiently strong for this week so we must have HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP WANTED to distribute the grandest line of holiday goods to our public ever seen and for almost nothing. We will clean out all the

Holiday Goods With a Rush

And the people of Lowell know and we know that there's only one way to do it, we hold thekeys, the goods must all go. Bring your 5c pieces, bring your 10c pieces, bring your 25c pieces, bring your 50c pieces, bring your dollars and buy at

the Mardi Gras and thus save 2-3 of your money. We mean every word we say so come and reap the benefit which we have prepared for you.

READ IT ALL! READ IT ALL! READ IT ALL!

Toys.

Small toys for the little ones in our Basement Annex. A large variety all laid out in places so the little tot can buy just as well as Mamma or Papa. We have a 5c. counter with some 20c. articles on it—some worth 25c. and a 10c. counter with all kinds of Toys, Iron, Wooden, etc. some are worth 4 times as much. The 25c. counter seems to be the most popular whether it is because of 75c. goods being on it or not we can't say but rather guess that has something to do with it.

For 49c. Toys our counter is heavily laden down with Safes, Fire Engines (and as they say down east) all what not. Examine this Toy counter. That's all about Toys.

P. S.—Thought we'd said all about Toys but listen, we will not keep in stock one single Toy this season. We will give 'em away first. You know what this means to you.

Books.

Our extraordinary stock of books are displayed in Millinery Department. We have everything you want.

Prayer Books 15c. and upwards. Bibles with all new improvements $3.00 kind for one dollar and twenty-three cents, ($1.23. The White House Cook Book 98c. worth $3.00, Children's Books of all kinds and at the lowest prices yet quoted. 3c. and 10c. will buy Nice Literature for the little ones in Sunday Schools. Sunday School Teachers' Missions, etc. should examine our line of Books before purchasing.

12 mos. good reading all popular authors, special for this week 9c.

Special Counter will be laid out on Monday with some extra special prices, commencing about 5 or 9c. Come and see. We will please you in prices and quality or no one can

Games.

Almost four hundred kinds of games. Almost four thousand games yet to give away. We have experts on the game counters to show you all the ins and outs of the new games. We guarantee to save you two-thirds of your money on games with but one or two exceptions. 5c. buys regular 15 and 20c. Games. Maybe you may find a 25c. one on the 5c. counter. You don't need to be alarmed if it goes at 5c.

10c. of your good money will buy you $1.00 worth of fun and lots of amusement. These are the 25c. and 35c. Toys, don't you know.

19c. buys or rather finds Games worth 50c. at least, how much we'll let you judge for yourself. Don't stay away too long.

25c., 49c., 69c. and 98c. counters will attract your attention on entering rear of Millinery Department. If you don't find just what you want call for Mr. Lacy.

Leather Goods.

Leather goods went like hot cakes on Saturday. You know why.

Well, at 10c. Purses worth 25c. cut a figure. Wallets at 15c. worth double, sell themselves. Combination Pocket Books at 25c. worth 50c.

A superb line of new Pocket Books and Combinations at 49c. Sterling Trimmed Pockets all leather at 98c.

Boston Bags, such values are amazing, but we have them to sell at same prices, 49c., 59c. and 69c.

Satchels, Dress Suit Cases and all kinds of Leather Bags in Alligator, Seal, Bison, Monkey, Lizard, etc. etc. and at prices so low, so awful low that you will leave your money and take a bag if you want one.

Jewelry.

All the new novelties in jewelry and hundreds and thousands of them to select from. In this line we defy competition, buying all our lines from the manufacturer, thus saving all the intermediate profits to our customers. We have 5c. Jewelry Novelties. We have 10c. Jewelry Novelties.

China Ware Fancy China.

In the basement, you know where it is, everybody knows the Bon Marche basement all on account of the bargains given. Do you remember the coal hods at 5¾c? Well, the holiday China is just as cheap.

We have Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Milk Sets, Fancy Plates, Cups and Saucers, Jardineires, China and Earthen Cuspidores, China Clocks, Umbrella Stands, Vases, Toilet Sets, Worcester Ware, Bon Ware and all the rich China goods, and at a saving of at least two-thirds. Come and see. Come and buy.

Lamps.

Hundreds and Hundreds of Lamps and they are going like hot cakes. We have Vase Lamps, Banquet Lamps, Reading Room Lamps, in fact every kind of Lamps, and the prices, well—

One lot of Vase Lamps worth $4.50 for $1.98. 1 lot of Banquet Lamps worth $4.00 for $1.49, and so on, all are marked to go quick. No lingering allowed in any of our stocks, this one especially. Lamps must go.

Plush Boxes Celluloid Boxes.

An unequalled assortment of the beautiful Boxes, all kinds, shapes and colors for handkerchiefs, trinkets, jewels, neckties, hair pins, collars, cuffs, (collars and cuff combination), gloves, watches, money, every kind and the best kind. Some are empty and others are filled with stationery, also there are in this lot (which by the way is in our Dress Goods Department, where we make skirts free), Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Tooth and Nail Sets, Smoking Sets, etc., etc., the prices are from this out two-thirds less than you can buy them for elsewhere. We sell some at 10c.

Some we give away at 25c. while other dealers sell them at $1.00. This is a fact.

One lot in particular we mention, it is the 69c. lot. We make more profit on these than any other lot, but we bought them at 25c. on the dollar and are saving you lots for all that.

The 98c. assortment is unlike anything we have ever shown or anybody else for the price. There are $3.00 goods in the lot and you can have them if you get a jump on and get here first.

Handkerchiefs.

Our line of Handkerchiefs is a big one. We are prepared to serve you grandly. Saturday the Handkerchiefs went out like wildfire. We concluded the prices were the cause.

We have Handkerchiefs at 2c., Xmas ones. At 5c. our line beats the world. At 12½c. beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs worth 25c. 25 cents buys the best Handkerchief for the money you or anybody else ever saw. Match it and we will give ours away at ten cents. Initial Handkerchiefs a specialty. Our line is replete; our prices are low.

Silk Handkerchiefs embroidered 9c. Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25c. SILK MUFFLERS. SILK MUFFLERS.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.

Every Doll to be sold or given away before Thursday night at 11 o'clock. Special prices put on special lots, right at main entrance on main floor. First to catch your eye will be a 19c. lot and you want to look them over. All are worth two and three times as much. Next to your right on the end of small ware department is a lot of 25c. ones put in at 10c. They will go out quick.

The 49c. lot is a big lot and worth $1.00 each. Dolls all dressed in good style, a fine line of $2 and $3 ones all to be distributed at 98c. each. See the 25c. assortment of Dolls if you figured on buying a 50c. Doll, buy our 25c. one and you are 25c. in and got the same Doll you'd pay 50c. for elsewhere.

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS.

Silverware.

Silverware in our basement. We are told that our Silverware display is the best in the city by far the best, is the way it has been expressed to us, but best of all the prices fit the pocket books and the goods are going swift. Get a move on and fit up your sideboard.

The 1847 Rogers Knives and Forks $2.98, worth $5.50.
The 1847 Rogers Spoons $1.65, worth $3.00.
The 1847 Rogers Dessert Spoons $1.98 a set, worth $4.00.
Silver Service, 4 pieces, $2.79, worth $6.00.
Berry Spoons 69c. each, worth $1.50.
Pie Knives 69c. each, worth $1.50.
Silver Mounted Cracker Jar with handle complete, worth $3.00, Mardi Gras, $1.39.
Pickle Jar 69c., worth $1.30.
Holmes and Edwards Knives and Forks $2.69 a set, worth $5.00
Holmes and Edwards Tea Spoons $1.50 a dozen, worth $2.50.
Carvers 98c., worth $3.00.
Knives, best Sheffield steel, 49c. dozen, worth $1.00.
Child's Set, Knife, Fork and Spoon for 9c.

Staple Goods.

Our stock in staple lines is well and favorably known in Lowell and vicinity. We can use you better in the following lines than ever before. Read:

Blankets, Comforters, Bed Spreads, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Linens, Table Cloths, Towels, Tidies, Flannels, Pillow Shams, Art Cut Work in Scarfs, Shams, Table Covers, etc. etc.

Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Hosiery, Underwear and Gloves, Umbrellas and Men's furnishings, Stamped goods, Corsets, Knit goods, Cotton Underwear, etc., etc., etc.

Pictures, Chairs Etc., Etc.

In Upholstering department up one flight, you will see a superb choice of Pictures, Frames, Easels, Chairs, Tables, etc., Rattan Novelties, at prices to please you immensely.

Pictures worth $3.00 for $1.23, beautiful frames.
Pictures worth $6.00 for $3.49, popular subjects.
All prices from 10c. up. You ought to see the line.

Rocking Horses, Doll Carriages, etc. Up one flight next to Drapery department. Rocking Horses, Doll Carriages, Dolls' Beds, Children's Chairs, Tables, Blackboards, Sleds, etc. from 10c. and upwards. Everything to suit the boys and girls and also please the "Mamma" and "Papa" pocket book.

Perfumery and Toilet Goods.

A rich stock of perfumes put up in neat little bottles for the Holiday trade for young and old for rich and poor. All kinds, 5c. up. At 5c. you will be surprised. At 10c. choice odors worth 20c.

At 25c. best odors worth 50c. bottle.

Toilet Sets in Celluloid, Rubber, etc. a large assortment and all cheap.

Cabinet Frames, Mirrors, etc. all found in this department directly under cash desk. The prices are extremely low.

Ink Stands, Blotters, Pen Wipers, etc., etc., are also found in this department. They run from 5c. up to $2.50.

Cloaks and Furs.

A Cloak, a Fur Cape or a Skirt makes a nice, sensible gift and we're just in a position to give you any of these goods at your own prices, $2, $3, $4, or $5, will secure three or four times it's value in any of the following departments:

This department is teeming with nice, serviceable goods for Xmas presents. Just step into our shoe parlor and see what 50c. or $1.00 will do.

You cannot imagine for a moment what you can get for 50c. or $1.00 unless you've visited our store quite recently. Come!

REMEMBER THE MARDI GRAS 4 MORE DAYS AT MITCHELL'S.

WIDEAWAKE MERCHANTS
know how to reach the purchasing classes. They advertise in THE SUN. Do you? They know from experience that it is Lowell's leading newspaper. Are you in it?

THE LOWELL SUN

19TH YEAR. LOWELL, MASS., MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1896. ONE CENT.

BUSINESS MEN.
Are you looking for Holiday Trade? Then advertise in THE SUN. It is the best paper in Lowell for reaching the purchasing classes. Considering circulation its rates are low.

SECOND EDITION

The Sun is the only evening penny paper in Lowell printing Telegraphic News.

DECREPIT GREEK HURT.

He Fell on Sidewalk and Dislocated His Hip.

Yesterday afternoon a Greek, with but one leg, slipped on the sidewalk on Middlesex street, striking the stump and dislocating the hip. He was taken to St. John's hospital where the dislocation was reduced.

THE BIGGEST
assortment of medium priced fancy chairs and rockers is found at A. E. O'Heir & Co.'s two stores, 16 Merrimack and 34 Central streets.

Lawrence Wins by 16.

The recount of the aldermanic vote was completed Saturday afternoon. The result shows no change, except that Lawrence made a net gain of 5 votes, increasing his plurality to 16.

Against Les Miserables.

The Massachusetts bowling league will meet tonight to again inquire into the standing of the clubs. It is understood that there is a drive against Le Miserables but it will avail nothing as Les Miserables can take care of themselves.

J. F. O'DONNELL
UNDERTAKER,
Market, Corner Worthen Street.
Telephone.

PATTEN & CO.
LOWELL'S LARGEST LEADING FLORISTS AND DECORATORS
263 Central Street, Telephone.

LATEST

SEVENTEEN INJURED.

On a Train on the Grand Trunk Railroad Line.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 21.—Word reached here that a train on the Grand Trunk road was derailed at Danville junction at 7.30 this morning and four cars were wrecked and 17 persons injured.

The cause was a broken rail. None of the injuries were serious.

FIRST OF SEASON.

Boy Falls Into the Concord River and is Rescued by Another Boy.

An unknown boy playing on the ice at the Concord river, just beyond the Church street bridge, fell into a hole yesterday noon and probably would have been drowned had it not been for Willie Erwin of Kenwood, employed in The Sun job department, who skated to his assistance, and with much difficulty fished him out.

Skating at Lakeview.

The ice on Lake Mascuppic is fully five inches thick and very smooth. Take the cars for Lakeview and enjoy a good skate. The moon will be out tonight.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Fifteen drunks, not very large for Monday and they were disposed of in short order.

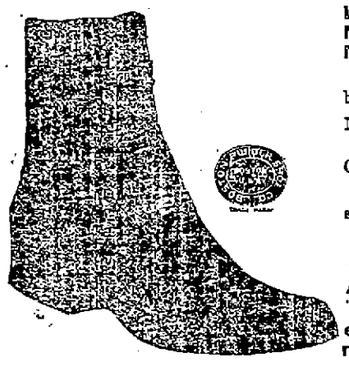
Weekly Mortality.

There were 24 deaths in the city last week, a rate of 14.6 against 13.3 and 20 for the previous two weeks. The infectious diseases reported were: Typhoid fever 3, diphtheria 2, measles 11.

Gold Watches
Gold Filled Watches.
Silver Watches.
The Largest Stock and Lowest in Price.
J. D. Grant
Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler.
64 MERRIMACK STREET.

IN ORDER TO
Complete Your Christmas Dinner
Order a Case of CONSUMERS'
EXPORT BEER
For Sale by all Local Dealers.

BLIZZARD WEATHER
RUBBERS and OVERSHOES Are Needed Now.

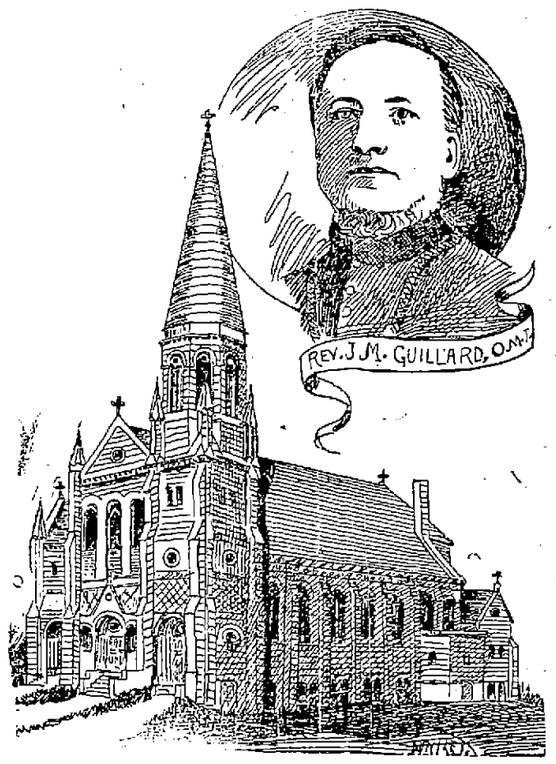


Ladies' Rubbers . . 25c.
Misses' " . . . . 19c.
Mens' . . . . . 39c.
Men's Woonsocket Rubber Boots best quality, $2.75.
Men's Buckle Arctics, 98c.
Men's Light Buckle Arctics, Opera and Needle Toes, $1.50.
Ladies' Button Overgaiters, all sizes, 15c.
Everything in good wearing Rubbers You Could Ask For.
Our store will be open every evening until Christmas.
Thomas P. Boulger
Successor to Boulger & McOsker.
115 Central Street. 296 Bridge Street.

LAST DAYS OF OUR
Christmas Sale
The most successful and the largest business we have ever had at Christmas. This proves that we made no mistake in buying our choice line of goods and it goes to show that our efforts to get articles not found elsewhere, are appreciated, Books, Stationery, and a thousand beautiful Novelties. Don't forget to get a copy of "Picturesque Lowell," price 25 Cents.
T. H. LAWLER
FASHIONABLE STATIONER AND BOOKSELLER
79 MERRIMACK ST., and 15 JOHN ST.
TELEPHONE 373-4.

OF SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sketch of Its History and Present Condition.



The Exterior Now Completed and Basement Only Finished—The Fair for the Church Fund is Closed.

The Sun today publishes an excellent cut of the new Sacred Heart church, which when completed will add another to the fine church structures in our city. The church is located on Moore street and the property on which it stands was acquired by purchase, by the Oblate Fathers in 1882. The following year, the foundation for the new edifice was laid, and the basement was constructed. Services have been held here ever since, and no attempt was made to complete the work because money was needed and was not forth coming in such an amount as to warrant undertaking this additional expense. Annually it was necessary to lay out a sum of money to make necessary repairs and Very Rev. Fr. Guillard, O. M. I., concluded that such investments, though absolutely necessary, meant money lost, and decided to complete the exterior work on the church. This has been done, but the debt is so large that the work on the interior will not be undertaken for two or three years. The church when completed will seat about 1200 people.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Lavois succeeded, Rev. Guillard followed, Rev. Fr. Lavois came back, and now Rev. Fr. Guillard and Rev. Fr. Reynolds are in attendance.

Fr. Guillard is a hard working priest and during his membership in the Oblate order has had much experience in building churches. He assisted in the erection of the present grand Immaculate Conception church. Then he went to Ottawa, built a church there; was transferred to Buffalo, where he completed a church and erected a school. Returning to Lowell he became provincial of the order and during his administration the Oblates have finished a new novitiate in Tewksbury, the new St. Jean Baptiste church and the Sacred Heart church. He is well pleased with the result here. Speaking of the Sacred Heart church he says: "It is impossible to attempt finishing the inside work for the debt is a large one, and owing to the hard times the congregation though well inclined to help is still very poor."

Close of the Fair.

The first bazaar in aid of the Sacred Heart church ended Saturday evening. It was the busiest night of the bazaar and all the young lady attendants on the tables were kept on the move.

The young man who gave you three shots at a couple of wooden dolls for 5c. with a cigar thrown in if you knocked the head off one of the dolls, exercised his lungs in great style. And the man who sold the blown glass ware raked in a great many nickles.

The crowd was very large, and in consequence the patronage was quite liberal.

Rev. Frs. Guillard, O. M. I., and Reynolds, O. M. I., were present during the evening.

The following season ticket awards were made: $20 gold piece, M. A. Sullivan, 29 Carter street; suit of clothes, Elizabeth Johnson, 494 Lawrence street; clothes wringer, Philip Murphy, 68 Kinsman street; barrel of flour, Mr. Conroy, 40 Manchester street: chest of tea, Mrs. Mary Brennan; barrel of flour, Bridget Kenney, 357 Lawrence street; $5 gold piece, John J. Hogan, 144 Bowers street; ton of coal, Kittie McKeown, 22 Robinson street; rocking chair, Sarah McGlynn, 35 Reservoir street; beautiful lamp, Maggie Finnegan, 84 Andover street.

The pair of rubber boots on the parish table were awarded to Thomas Donohue, who received 375 votes to 10 votes for Fred Hartley.

Bernard J. Wefers, the champion sprinter of the world, was present at the bazaar and took home with him a banquet lamp, and a wedding cake, which were awarded him.

Many of the articles have not yet been disposed of and they were taken to the hall of the Sacred Heart school and will be disposed of later. Rev. Fr. Guillard is well pleased with the results of the week's festival and is grateful to all those who assisted in making the bazaar a success.

It cannot even be estimated yet what the bazaar will net the church fund, but a good sum will certainly be realized.

The Following Well Known Residents

Peter MacAleer, 44 Rock street; F. Cardinal, 17 Davis street; T. E. Lawrence, 258 Merrimack street; M. Sullivan, 13 Pendergast block, Lakeview avenue; J. Hayden, 74 Union street are a few of those who have had occasion to use Mexican Worm Lozenges for their children and renounce them unequalled. Office, Mexican Medicine Co., 32 Central street, opposite Middle.

A House Burned.

Fire probably resulting from an overturned lamp in the cellar destroyed a two and one half story house in Lafayette Park, Saturday. The loss will be about $800.

"Crossing the Trocha is easy as compared with passing 'Fashion Corner' without being attracted by the Xmas Neckwear Show."
—Sunday Press.

Xmas in our BOYS' DEPT.

Heavy Suits
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Our Boys' Dollar Sweater is all wool, has large collar with two stripes and comes in black and garnet—just what will delight a boy for Christmas.

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MERRIMACK Fashion Corner
Opp. City Hall CLOTH'G CO.

HELD FOR BIGAMY

Mrs. Pierce Married to Mr. H. A. Smith.

THE WOMAN HAS A CHECKERED CAREER.

Her Second Husband Alive Somewhere.

Inspectors Goodwin and Donaldson came across a complicated case while on a hunt for liquor law violators at 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

They visited "Mr. and Mrs. Harding A. Smith" of 701 Merrimack street, hoping to find evidence of illegal keeping, but they found Smith, the alleged wife and a seven year old girl occupying the room together. As the man appeared to be too young to be the husband of the woman and the father of the child, the inspectors became suspicious.

In reply to questions, Smith said they were married and produced a certificate from Nashua. It was signed by George T. Smith, city clerk of Nashua, as a justice of the peace, and was witnessed by John W. Ladd, janitor of the city hall in Nashua. It was dated July 16, 1896, and certified to the marriage of Harding O. Smith and Mrs. Priscilla M. Pierce, both of Nashua.

Seeing that she had been married before, Mrs. Smith was asked as to the whereabouts of her former husband, Pierce.

Then both became frightened and Mrs. Smith acknowledged that she had been twice married before; that she had been divorced from her first husband; but that her second husband, John Pierce, was still alive and that they had never been divorced.

The daughter is by the first husband, Samuel Lord of Vermont, who left his wife and was divorced, it is alleged, on account of her unfaithful conduct. Nine weeks after she married Pierce of North Leominster, who was a shiftless person. Mrs. Pierce supported her husband for the past four or five years by keeping houses of ill-fame, it is said, until finally driven out of Boston by the Watch and Ward society.

From Boston she went to Leominster and Canada, and then to Nashua last summer, where she met and married Smith.

Coming to Lowell they lived on Common street, where police believe they sold liquor illegally. Recently they moved to Merrimack street, where Smith opened a barber shop.

Both were arrested, the man charged with adultery and the woman with bigamy.

In court this morning the two defendants, through their counsel, Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., waived the reading of the complaint, and pleaded not guilty, the woman of bigamy and the man of adultery. They were held in $400 each until December 28 for trial

JUVENILE TEMPLARS.

Met Saturday in Good Templars Hall, Lowell.

The quarterly session of the Massachusetts State Institute of Juvenile Templars was held Saturday afternoon in Good Templars hall, a large gathering participating in the exercises which were opened by R. W. G. S. Miss Forsyth of Boston. Mrs. Helen S. Lester of this city read an interesting paper on "The Fourfold Pledge." A debate on the paper followed.

After supper G. S. J. T. Miguel Sereque presided and after piano solos by Miss Nellie Bryant, a recitation contest was held, the winner being Miss Gertrude Howarth of Morning Star Temple of this city. Miss Lulu Hammond of Ballardvale was second. The judges were Mrs. M. K. Spear of Lawrence, Mrs. Della N. Walton of Greenwood and Carl Sautesson of Lowell. A vote of thanks was tendered Morning Star temple for its hospitality. Before adjournment short addresses were made.

Big Twelve Election.

The Big Twelve club held its annual election of officers at its meeting in its rooms in the Hildreth building yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance much interest being manifested in the election. The officers chosen were as follows: President, Thomas A. Golden; vice president, James Breen; treasurer, John Monaghan; recording secretary, M. H. Connolly; financial secretary, Anthony Robinson; auditing committee, John F. Kinsella, William H. Merritt, Peter J. Brady; finance committee, Anthony Robinson, R. C. Gallagher, Thomas A. Golden; house committee, Frank Barnard, Anthony Robinson.

President Golden who succeeds Police Commissioner Brady, as president, is a well known and popular young man employed in the billiard and bowling business. He is best known as the manager of Lakeview.

Double Surprise Party.

About one hundred couples, friends of Miss Etta Douglass, called to see her Saturday night. Mr. John Donahue, in behalf of the company, presented Miss Douglass with an elegant diamond ring. She responded in a fitting manner. Mr. John Bennie called Mrs. A. Hand to the front and in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglass presented her with a handsome umbrella. She responded briefly thanking the donors for the gift. Dancing and games were indulged in, a very pleasant evening being passed by all.

Yesterday Morning's Fire.

Fire stated from spontaneous combustion in Dr. Lander's office in the Masonic building on Merrimack street, early yesterday morning and destroyed some of the office furniture.

Marriage Intention.

The only intention recorded at the city clerk's office today was: Herbert L. Whittier 32, to Mabel E. Mosher 22.

A Christmas Present.

Two handsome chandeliers, valued at $100, have been presented to Rev. Michael O'Brien as a Christmas gift for the sanctuary of St. Patrick's church. Daniel J. Murphy and John Lennon are the donors.

DEATHS.

SPEAR—Warren A. Spear, aged 69 years, died last evening at his home, 8 East Pine street.

McNAMEE—The friends of Lawrence J. McNamee, a resident of this city until within three years, will be pained to learn of his death Thursday at 200 Broad street, Marlboro. He had been ill of typhoid pneumonia since Saturday. He was an overseer in the J. F. Frye shoe shop, and was married only last August to a Marlboro young woman. Deceased was 28 years of age, and a man of kindly disposition. He was a member of Court Middlesex, A. O. F. Many friends will miss him.

WELDEN—Mrs. Lizzie Welden, wife of Henry Welden, died in Philadelphia, Dec. 16, aged 58 years. She was born in Lowell and passed her childhood here.

WEAVER—Mrs. Maria E. Weaver, aged 61 years, died Saturday at her home, 1057 Middlesex street. She was the widow of Samuel H. Weaver.

BOYLAN—Mary Boylan, aged 59 years, wife of William Boylan, died yesterday at her late residence on Concord street. She was a native of Ireland. At the Immaculate Conception church this morning, Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I., celebrated a high mass of requiem for the repose of her soul, and the remains were forwarded to Taunton, where the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

CROWLEY—Mary A. Crowley, aged 31 years, died yesterday at her home in Fayette street. The funeral took place this afternoon and service was held in the Immaculate Conception church. Interterment took place in the Catholic cemetery.

McQUAID—Mary F. McQuaid, aged 31 years, wife of Charles McQuaid of George street, died Saturday at Worcester. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery in this city.

DENNEHY—Kate Dennehy, aged 31 years, died Saturday at Westvale, Mass. The remains arrived in this city Saturday evening and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Joseph Baxter, 71 London street. The pall bearers were: James McGuirnan, James McVey, Wm. Murphy, James Meehan, John McLane and Michael Condon. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

REED—John Reed, aged 1 year, 7 months, child of Michael and Ellen Reed, died yesterday at 231 Lakeview avenue. The funeral occured this afternoon and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

GALLAGHER—Rosetta Gallagher, 22 years old, died yesterday at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Patrick Manning, 153 School street. She leaves a father, Nicholas Gallagher, two sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Patrick Gallagher, the well known Chapel street grocer.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES

For the Election for a City Committee Will Be Held Next Monday.

Caucuses for the election of members of the democratic city committee will be held next Monday evening in the following places: Ward 1, Jackson hall; ward 2, Green school; ward 3, Branch street engine house; ward 4, Lyon street school; ward 5, Boston & Maine depot; ward 6, Fourth street engine house; ward 7, Fletcher street engine house; ward 8, Lincoln school; ward 9, High street engine house.

Dr. Hall's Lecture.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall's lecture this afternoon at the Middlesex Women's club, will treat of "Children's Fears and Mental Evolution." This lecture, which was previously announced for a date in February, is the only lecture Dr. Hall will give before the club this winter.

LOCAL NOTES.

See locals on page 3.

Mayor Courtney is in Boston today.

The committee on accounts will meet at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Norton of Ames street spent the past few days with relatives in Haverhill.

Members of the Unitarian society will decide tonight if they will purchase land for erecting a new church.

An operetta entitled "Three Little Kittens," will be given at the Highland club house, on December 23, Wednesday evening.

For a holiday gift to a smoker, nothing will suit more than a box of the 7-20-4 10c cigars, packed in all sizes. For sale by all dealers.

Another shipment of high bred stock was made from Hood's farm last week, a celebrated bull calf and several pigs of celebrated sires.

One of the social functions of the new year will be the Thompson-Juques wedding to be solemnized in Grace church, Jan. 6, at 6 o'clock.

Tomorrow will be a busy day at city hall. The following meetings will be held: Streets, 4.30; fire department, 2.30; sewers, 3.30; commons, 3; printing, 7; lighting, 2.30; common council, 8; water board, 7.30 p. m.

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Fact is worth a column of rhetoric. It is a fact established by the testimony of thousands, that Hood's Sarsaparilla does cure scrofula, salt rheum, catarrh, and other diseases and affections arising from impure state or low condition of the blood. It also overcomes that tired feeling, creates a good appetite, and gives strength.
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THE SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

BIG BANK CLOSED

The Bank of Illinois Forced to Suspend.

NOW IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER.

Others Brought Down in the Crash.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 21.—The National bank of Illinois, one of the oldest and best known banking institutions in the city, with assets of twelve or fifteen millions, closed its doors today and a notice posted on the door reads that the bank is in the hands of a national bank examiner, by order of the comptroller of the treasury. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the directors last night, after the bank had been suspended from the Clearing House association. Of 16 banks that cleared through the National bank of Illinois, two closed doors as the result of the closing of that institution. They are E. S. Dryer & Co., liabilities at one million two hundred thousand; and Wasmansdorff & Heinemann, liabilities of one hundred thousand.

The Security Title and Trust Co. appointed a receiver for both firms.

The failure is a great surprise in financial and business circles. The cause as given in a resolution adopted by the clearing house committee is the unwarrantable and unjudicious loans through which the capital and surplus is seriously imperiled if not absolutely lost. The liabilities will be about eleven millions.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

By Shooting in a Fit of Despondency.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Abraham Koch, of this city, committed suicide by shooting at his boarding house today. Despondency over having been cheated in buying laundry recently is supposed to be the cause. He was 24 years of age.

Fell From the Electrics.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Hingham, Mass., Dec.—It was learned this morning that Charles N. Upham, aged 45, of West Newton, was probably fatally injured by being thrown from an electric car yesterday. His skull was injured.

Stormed the Jail.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 21.—Last night a mob of 500 masked men stormed the county jail and secured Jim Stone, a negro accused of assaulting a white woman, hanged him to a tree and riddled his body with bullets. He declared himself innocent to the last.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

Fire in Allen theatre, New Brunswick, N. J., burned four hours and destroyed $650,000 worth of property.

A rising of young Turk party is feared in Constantinople.

A call has been issued for report of all national banks Dec. 17.

Senator Hill, this afternoon, offered a resolution in favor of recognizing the Cubans as belligerents.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

HENFROUGH—The funeral services of Florence, daughter of Arthur and Emma Henfrough, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at 43 Kidder street, Rev. W. H. Yarrow officiating. Interment was in the Edson cemetery.

HUTCHINSON—The funeral of the late Jane Hutchinson occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Martha Rutherford, No. 128 Charles street. Rev. O. E. Mallory officiated and the bearers were Messrs. Robt. Rutherford, Wm. Banie, Joseph Fleming, and Wm. Clee. Interment was in the Edson cemetery.

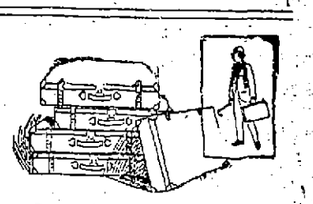
BARKER—The funeral of the late Caroline H. Barker was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 149 School street. Rev. C. E. Fisher officiated, and there were appropriate musical selections by a quartet composed of Dr. F. R. Rix, T. F. Molloy, Geo. E. Burns and Geo. E. Sturtevant. The bearers were Messrs. John Dow, O. Osgood, Farrington and Whittemore. The remains were interred in the Edson cemetery.

TYLER—Mrs. Emily Tyler died in Foxboro, Mass., Dec. 16, at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Seeley, in her 77th year. The remains were brought to Lowell for interment in the Edson cemetery, and services were held in the cemetery chapel at 3.30 Saturday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Smith Baker and Dr. S. M. Dick.

HAVILAND—The funeral of Thomas Haviland took place Saturday. The remains arrived in this city at noon and were interred in the Catholic cemetery. At the grave Rev. Fr. Ronan conducted the service.

O'NEILL—The funeral of Arthur O'Neill took place this afternoon from his late residence and was largely attended. The pall bearers were John Rogers, Peter Monahan, Owen Quinn, Charles McDermott and John Welch. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

When you need printing remember The Sun.



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Three sizes, 22, 24 and 26 inch,
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Silk and gloria umbrellas, close roll, stylish natural sticks,
$1.50 to $5.00.
Dress and everyday neckwear, new shapes, rich satin grounds with quiet figure,
25c. to $1.00.
Silk and lawn initial handkerchiefs,
12 1-2c. to 50c.
White silk mufflers,
75c. to $2.50.
PUTNAM & SON.
166 Central Street.

Molly Varnum Chapter.

Molly Varnum chapter, Daughters of the American revolution, of which Mrs. Thomas Nesmith is regent, was entertained Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Warren Norcross, Sherman street.

Miss Josephine Earle read a paper on "The Boston Tea Party," which was followed by a short and original one-act farce, which depicted the feeling of the dames of revolutionary days who were obliged to relinquish their tea. The characters were assumed by Mrs. Henry M. Thompson, Misses Lambert, Bertha Allen, Abbie Crosby, Norcross and Louise Allen.

About 100 acres of land in the "Little Canada" district, it is said, have been recently sold by the Locks and Canals company. In that section, it is said, houses containing 100 tenements will be completed next spring.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT
Protect your family and yourself against future wants. Deposit in the Savings Department of the Traders' National Bank on or before January 2d (Saturday), at 9 p. m. Receive interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum commencing January 1st, and compounding twice each year. Savings Department open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m. Banking Rooms cor. Middlesex street and Postoffice avenue.

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THE CUBAN SITUATION.

The recognition of Cuba by the U. S. would undoubtedly lead to serious complications with Spain. It might result in war. To plunge this country into a war with Spain or with Europe would be a very serious matter, no doubt, and the only uncertain feature in the case is whether a fight with Spain would mean a fight with Spain alone or with Spain allied to several other European powers. The United States is not afraid of Spain. A country that cannot defeat a handful of Cuban rebels is not likely to make much progress should it undertake an invasion of this country or a bombardment of our ports.

The action of the U. S. in interfering with the Venezuelan question, has caused a feeling of jealousy on the part of several European powers against the U. S., and consequently some of those warlike powers would be only too glad to reciprocate the favor in case the U. S. should interfere in European affairs.

The question then comes would the recognition of Cuban independence really amount to an interference in European affairs.

Spain has held Cuba for a period antedating the constitution of the United States and has certainly a prior claim upon the island from length of possession. The Monroe doctrine does not apply in this case, because Spain discovered the American continent, colonized a large portion of it, and at the present time clings to Cuba as her last foothold upon American soil.

It would certainly be an interference with Spanish rights for the United States to invade Cuba to take possession of the island or to terminate Spanish rule therein. There are in Cuba, however, very large American interests. There are many millions worth of property belonging to American citizens being destroyed from day to day, and there is no prospect of an early termination of the conflict. Therefore the U. S. has ample reason for interference on its own account, to protect its citizens and their property regardless of Spanish claims in the island.

If Spain guaranteed protection to Americans and to American property in Cuba, if she put down rebellion, if she suppressed anarchy, then there would be no need of Americans interfering, and there would be no desire on the part of congress to interfere. Hence we say that the recognition of Cuban independence is justified on the part of the U. S., and cannot be construed into an interference in European affairs.

Nevertheless, there is a possibility that it might result in the formation of an alliance between Spain and England, both of which may be safely set down as powers unfriendly to this country. Such a combination could send a fleet to the American coast that would destroy our principal cities, and no fleet that America could equip would be sufficient to meet them on the high seas. There is, therefore, a great element of danger in the recognition of Cuba.

But so far as the prospect goes at present, although both branches of congress may favor the recognition of Cuba, we do not believe it will be carried into effect, because the president stands in the way, ready to veto the measure as soon as it reaches him. Cleveland and Olney are fighting hard against the recognition of Cuba, and perhaps they have good reasons for so doing. Secretary of State Olney is a shrewd statesman, and his opinion on such questions is worthy of serious consideration. Both gentlemen may see that were this country involved in a war at the present time, there would be a financial crash worse than anything the country has ever experienced, because of the fact that a coterie of capitalists controls the country. Were war declared tomorrow, the treasury, although well supplied at present, would soon be depleted and the government would be absolutely at the mercy of the Morgans, the Rothchilds and similar syndicates of this country and England.

The whole question assumes a new and unexpected aspect since Secretary of State Olney has declared that even though congress should pass the Cameron resolution over the president's veto, he would still refuse to recognize Cuba.

The fact that such recognition would be an executive function appears to give the president discretionary power in the matter. If that position be maintained the whole matter may be postponed until after McKinley shall have called a special session of congress. The republican party has shown great sympathy for Cuba on paper, but it is doubtful if McKinley would be more courageous than would Olney and Cleveland. By that time the Spanish butcher will have murdered most of the people on the island and destroyed what property remains.

The mills are closing one by one, despite the McKinley brand of prosperity.

B. D. O'Connell's opinion of the city charter stands unassailed.

Will End the Cuban Resolution Talk.

CLEVELAND SUSTAINS A SIMILAR POSITION.

Nothing Will Be Done For The Present.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Cleveland, who returned to this city yesterday from his hunting trip, fully endorses the position announced Saturday by Mr. Olney when he declared that the recognizing of a foreign state is exclusively an executive function. Mr. Olney made his statement without consultation with the president, and took the precaution to say that it was his own views that he was expressing. He had frequently discussed with the president the question as to the right of the legislative branch of the government to control the action of the president in foreign affairs, and was therefore thoroughly familiar with the views of his chief. He consequently had no misgivings as to how the president would regard his action. He had a consultation with the president yesterday, and the statement that Mr. Cleveland approved the action of the secretary of state was made after the consultation was ended.

Congress will not adopt the resolutions acknowledging Cuba's independence. There is little prospect that they will ever come to a vote even in the senate. It may be that they will not be seriously discussed. The blow which Secretary Olney struck them will almost certainly prove fatal. So evident is this that members of the committee on foreign relations who voted in favor of a report on Friday do not hesitate to say that it will be better on every account to drop the business altogether and not continue an agitation which can have no practical result.

In the first flush of indignation over Secretary Olney's statement there were many who predicted that it would only hasten action by intensifying the feeling of the friends of Cuba in congress. This does not seem to be the opinion after a night's sleep on it. It is recognized that the openly avowed hostility of the administration will strengthen the hands of those in authority in the house, who have all along been averse to recognition by the present congress. Speaker Reed has with him the committee on rules, and a very influential element in the foreign affairs committee, who will do everything in their power to prevent resolutions ever getting before the house. The knowledge of this and of the fact that an executive veto awaits the resolutions should they ever reach the other end of the avenue has served to temper the zeal of some of the most earnest advocates of Cuba in the senate, and there is an inclination to let the whole business drop now that it is certain that no good can come out of it.

Owing to the fact that the senate will comparatively little will be accomplished in that time. Ordinarily a quorum would not be present, with the holidays so near, but interest in the Cuban question will have the effect of attracting a good attendance today, when the Cuban resolution, as agreed to by the committee on foreign relations, will be reported to the senate. The report will be written, and is quite voluminous.

Whether its presentation will be used as a pretext for discussing the Cuban question at this time is as yet uncertain. It is contrary to the policy of the committee on foreign relations to have the matter discussed previous to the holidays, but it is possible that some senators, not members of the committee, may want to express their opinions at this time. There is, however, no probability of any effort to secure action on the resolution now.

There is very little probability that there will be any change in the program of congress for an adjournment for the holidays on Dec. 22, because of the Cameron Cuban resolution. The rules of the senate provide that in a case of a single objection to the consideration of a bill or resolution reported it shall go over till the next day. Consequently if an attempt was made to have the resolution considered today this objection would be forthcoming. A great many senators have made their preparations to leave the city for the holiday recess, and it is thought unlikely that a quorum can be mustered on Tuesday by which business can be transacted, and this point would be raised if the Cameron resolution was brought forward.

The statement made by Mr. Olney is still a subject of earnest discussion. On some hands his position is fully sustained, while on others it is admitted that perhaps from a purely technical statement of law the secretary's position is correct, but that certainly he violates the principle of the constitution. Those who make this contention reverse the circumstances. Supposing, they say, that the president declared that he intended to recognize a republic, and that congress should pass a resolution declaring it their judgment that no such action should be taken, would it be possible for the president in the face of the position of both the senate and the house to exercise his prerogative and recognize a republic? This constitutional point has, for the time being, supplanted in interest the resolution itself, and it is known that when the resolution is brought forward for discussion that a debate of considerable interest and length will ensue on this subject. The position of Mr. Olney, setting forth that of the administration, will undoubtedly have its effect in some quarters of the senate, and it is said that sufficient opposition can be mustered to defeat the resolution.

The house will adjourn on Tuesday for the Christmas recess, and as members are leaving by every train, it is very doubtful whether a quorum will be present again until after the holidays. This being the case, whatever is done will have to be done practically by unanimous consent. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill is still unfinished. This bill and the bill for the maintenance of the military academy the leaders hope to pass before the recess. The only thing which may stand in the way of carrying out this program will be the fight which the library committee will wage against the provision

RICH RED BLOOD is the foundation of good health. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier, gives HEALTH.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Alice Johnson, who is also known by the name of Goodell, of 22 Salem street, a white woman, living with William Johnson, colored, was perhaps fatally burned by a kerosene lamp. She is 30 years old. Her injuries consist of burns of a serious nature on the neck and lower limbs. When the police, who had been attracted by the sounds of a woman's screams, reached the tenement they discovered Mrs. Johnson lying on the floor surrounded by a mass of flames. Johnson was arrested and taken to the station at the same time. When she came to Mrs. Johnson claimed that her husband poured oil on her clothing from a can and then sent fire to it. Johnson denies this and says that his wife, who had been drinking heavily, tried to fill a lamp from a can, but spilled the oil over herself. Her clothing caught fire from the stove, which stood in the room, as she was staggering about. The absence of the cap from the lamp found in the room bears out his story.

ANOTHER FRAUD EXPOSED.

Concannon's Fake Mediums Again Exposed—This Time by Herald Reporter.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Pandemonium reigned at the Spiritual temple again yesterday morning. Medium Concannon lay on the platform in a swoon for nearly 30 minutes, half dressed; everybody talked, everybody shouted, and all because of a silk handkerchief which it was alleged Mr. Concannon intended to use for his full-form materialization act, while Mrs. Ayer and some 10 or 20 Spiritualists assert that this handkerchief was stolen from Mr. Concannon by Elmer Rice, a reporter, who was on the examining committee, who produced it at his own time and claimed that he had taken it from the medium then and there. Some claimed that Mr. Concannon has been exposed for the second time in Boston, while others were equally sure that Concannon had been outraged and was the victim of a mean and dastardly act.

HAVERHILL THIEF CAUGHT

And Held for Worcester Officials Who Want Him.

New York, Dec. 21.—James Fisher, alias James F. French, 34 years old, was arrested here Saturday and held pending the arrival of a Worcester (Mass.) officer. The prisoner on Dec. 11 last stole an overcoat and $60 from the manager of the Bartlett hotel at Haverhill, Mass.

TWO WERE DROWNED

While Skating on Thin Ice Yesterday in Manchester, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Alfred Fortier, 16 years of age, and Aubrey Abel, 17, were drowned in the Merrimack river yesterday afternoon. The two went skating on the ice, which had been forming only since Friday. They were together when the ice gave way from under them and were both engulfed. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

McKinley Goes to Church.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—President-elect McKinley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams and their two sons, attended divine service at the Sixth Presbyterian church yesterday. Mrs. McKinley was unable to accompany them. Every inch of seating room in the auditorium was filled and many sat in chairs in the aisles and in the foyer in the rear of the pews. After service the major shook hands with a number of the congregation. There were fully 1000 people outside the church waiting for the distinguished visitor to come out. The neighboring windows were turned into grandstands. As soon as Major McKinley appeared outside all made a rush to shake hands with him. The police kept many away. The party finally reached the carriage, through the window of which Major McKinley shook hands with the crowd. Major and Mrs. McKinley left for Canton, O., at 11:30 o'clock last night.

Suit Against Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Attorney General Fitzgerald has filed a sensational demurrer in the United States circuit court in the case of the Southern Pacific company against the board of railway commissioners of California. The document raises points of vital interest to the Southern Pacific company, as the attorney general attacks the validity of the railway company's charter, and denies its rights to operate its branch roads in this state. The original suit was brought to enjoin the railroad commission from enforcing its schedule of freights, reducing grain rates 4 cents. In the preliminary decision rendered by Judge McKenna the grain rates were declared to be unreasonable, and the temporary injunction granted when the suit instituted was ordered to continue until the case was tried on its merits.

Pearl Bryan's Murderers.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—Sheriff Plummer of Newport was in consultation yesterday with Governor Bradley. The latter indicated that he would fix the same day for the execution of both Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. The final mandates of the court have not yet reached the governor, but he is already receiving letters by hundreds pleading for mercy for Pearl Bryan's murderers.

Knives Used In a Fight.

Ashland, Pa., Dec. 21.—During a free fight on Centre street late Saturday night Michael and John Gouldin were dangerously stabbed, and Patrick Gouldin, William Evans and Anthony Cummings were badly cut about the face and arms. Robert McCormick, ex-chief of police, was stabbed in the back. Michael and John Gouldin are not expected to recover.

Accident Caused By Alcohol Igniting From a Lamp.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 21.—Martha Wilbor, Elizabeth Wilbor and Charlotte Wilbor, three sisters, descendants of a well-known old colonial family, which was among the early settlers here, perished in the burning of their home here Saturday night. All three women resided alone in the old homestead. The accident was caused by alcohol which Miss Elizabeth Wilbor was using becoming ignited from a lamp which was on a table beside her.

Charges of Fraud In Recount.

Boston, Dec. 21.—In the recount of the ballots cast for street commissioner Saturday night a deliberate attempt was made, it is claimed, to rob John H. Duane of his election. The fraud was, it is alleged, one of the most glaring known to have been committed, and the alleged perpetrators of it were in a group of four clerks of the board, who were assigned by it to the task of unfolding the ballots, as they had been deposited by the voters in the ballot box, and spreading them flat in blocks of 50, ready for the patent counting machine. Five wards have been counted, and in these alone Mr. Duane sustains a loss of more than 100 votes. Losses at the same proportion in the other 20 wards of the city would mean his defeat by a handful of votes.

Stabbed Her Lover.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 21.—F. Ward Williams, aged 35, is lying in the hospital in a serious condition from a knife stab just above the heart, inflicted by Miss Sadie Reed, at her home, 106 Main street Saturday night. Miss Reed afterward attempted to cut her own throat, but was prevented. The affair was the outcome of a quarrel, during which Williams accused the girl of unfaithfulness. She is now under arrest awaiting the result of the injury.

Clue to Dean's Murderer.

Maynard, Mass., Dec. 21.—It was rumored yesterday that a pocketbook containing between $100 and $200, and belonging to John Dean, who was murdered on Thursday night, had been found in a house on Main street. The discovery of the pocketbook may possibly lead to the identification of the two men who were seen standing in front of Dean's house late Thursday afternoon. One of the men was tall and the other was short. The tall man, the police declare, is Barnes, who was arrested Friday, while the short man is the one in whose house it is alleged the pocketbook was found by the state police.

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Candidates must leave their names at Room 44, Hildreth Building, before 9 P. M., December 26.

The Chairman of the Ward Committee will call to order. Caucuses called under the Caucus Acts of 1895.

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Weyler Instructed to Hurry His Campaign.

Madrid, Dec. 21. — The explicit announcement is made that Senor Supuy De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, has telegraphed to his government here that he has had a conference with Mr. Olney, the secretary of state, in the course of which the latter assured him that Spain might rest tranquil until March at least, since, despite the attitude of congress, President Cleveland would not recognize the independence of Cuba.

General Marcelo De Azcarraga, the minister of war, was suffering from an indisposition, and was not able to be interviewed on the situation, but a number of high officials of the war office consented to supplement the expressions from the foreign office.

These officials stated that Captain General Weyler in Cuba has received instructions to hurry up his campaign by the delivery of bold strokes against the insurgents in order to prevent the Cubans from rallying from the disaster of Maceo's death, and in order to deprive the Americans of any pretext for a demand for Cuban independence.

"The war office," said one of the high officials in that department yesterday, "will not provoke, nor will it flinch from any contest upon which depends the national honor. The army can rely upon absolute support, with patriotic enthusiasm, and with the entire resources of the country. We can land 500,000 more soldiers in Cuba within three months. We believe that the principal inhabitants of Cuba would unconditionally support Spain against the Americans."

War officials also assert that Captain General Weyler's army will not be allowed to return to the Spanish peninsula except as victors. It is claimed that General Azcarraga, minister of war, is considered the ablest, though quietest, organizer of modern times, and that he is perfectly able to carry out the war office's statement that if circumstances compel them to do so they are ready to meet complications with the United States.

Senor Emilio Castelar, the distinguished Spanish Republican, gave the following signed statement:

"Inspired by high patriotism, joined with a great appreciation of the American people, I believe that the sense of justice and the material interests of the majority of the people of the United States will prevent a war with Spain, through whose instrumentality the New World was discovered, by which Americans have been most highly benefited."

Senor Castelar said further that he was acting as a bond of union between the Liberals and Conservatives in order to secure the agreement of all parties in Spain to ward off or repel any outrage upon the national honor. He had secured a good understanding, he said, between Senor Canovas Del Castillo, the president of the council, and Senor Sagasta, ex-premier of the Liberal government, thus strengthening the hands of the government to carry out the necessary measures to satisfy the reasonable demands of outsiders and affording content to the colonists, while always defending the national honor.

Senor Castelar considers that if she were pushed to desperation, Spain could inflict serious damage upon the United States in case of war.

"Spain will not provoke a quarrel," he continued, "but she cannot refuse it while right and honor are on her side. Nor would Spain be alone. Grave international complications would ensue."

Senor Castelar points out that he considers international wars at the present day a disgrace to modern civilization. Such a war, he thought, would be more illogical for the United States than for any other great nation. He regarded the United States as the model for all other nations in avoiding wars and seeking the settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

According to interviews published in the Madrid papers Senor Canovas is reported as saying that everything is ready to apply reform in the Spanish West Indies, but that all will depend upon the course of the campaign in Cuba. The reforms, he says, will be applied first to Porto Rico, but nothing has been decided upon the subject pending the receipt of further dispatches from Captain General Weyler.

"While I am premier," said Senor Canovas, "Spain will not provoke a conflict with the United States, but I will brook no attack on the sovereignty of Spain. I say this calmly, but I am resolved to abide by it. This is my last word."

Admiral Jose Maria Beranger, the minister of marine, said:

"I consider a rupture between Spain and the United States improbable, but, with a view of averting any chance of a conflict, the Spanish men-of-war in Cuban waters have received strict instructions to avoid any friction with the United States. Nevertheless, in order to be prepared for any emergency, I have ordered the vessels building abroad and at home for the government to be completed rapidly for service. The marine infantry will be strongly organized, and all the seamen in the maritime districts will be enrolled. Should a war unfortunately arise, the mercantile marine would fit out numerous privateers manned by picked crews, which would be capable of inflicting great damage upon American shipping on the high seas and on unfortified American seaports."

Admiral Beranger expressed his belief that the Spanish navy, in the daring of the crews and the strength of the ships, was a match for the American. He expressed the hope, however, that Spain would only require her navy to defend her colonial possessions from insurgent criminals without any international conflict.

El Dia recommends that the commercial classes cease all relations with the United States with a view to stopping all trade between the two countries. The provincial press is even more energetic. Much anti-American feeling exists at Barcelona, Balboa and other towns.

Litigation between the Edison company and the American Graphophone company, which has been in the United States supreme court for years, has been amicably settled.

SUFFOCATED AND ROASTED.

An Overturned Piano Lamp Causes Terrible Death of Entire Family.

New York, Dec. 21.—Five persons, father, mother and three children, comprising the membership of an entire family, were burned to death last night in the house in which they lived at 514 East Fifty-eighth street. The dead are:

Aaron Goldsmith, 45 years old, father.

Kotilda Goldsmith, 33 years old, mother.

Bertha Goldsmith, 10 years old, daughter.

Harry Goldsmith, 8 years old, son.

Frank Goldsmith, 5 years old, son.

The only other person in the house at the time of the fire was Mary Rosea, 20 years old, a domestic servant, who saved her life by jumping out of a second-story window, as she told the police. She was uninjured and refused to go to a hospital, and was cared for by one of the neighbors.

How the fire, which roasted alive all the members of the Goldsmith family, had its origin no one can clearly tell, and no one has been able to learn exactly how it came to pass that all of those five people, who were first smothered and then roasted, came to their deaths so quickly without making an apparent effort to escape. The only one who may be able to throw any light on the matter is the serving maid, Mary Rosea, but she was too much wrought up to give a connected account of the affair.

According to the story told by the servant, she was on the third floor of the building, in the act of putting Harry and Frank, the two youngest boys, to bed, when she heard the cry of fire coming from the floor below, with calls to her to come down. She ran out of the bedroom and hurried down the stairs, and the little children followed her. As soon as she looked into the front room, on the second floor, she saw the whole front end of the room ablaze. Then she became frightened and ran out into a rear room and jumped from an open window to the ground. What more happened she does not know, but she says that the fire was caused by the upsetting of a large piano lamp in the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith and the oldest child, Bertha, were sitting.

Thomas Barker Buried.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 21.—The funeral services of the late Thomas E. Barker occurred yesterday afternoon at his late home, 23 Chestnut street, and was attended by a large number of prominent people and numerous organizations with which the deceased was connected. Among the prominent people present were Corporal James A. Tanner of Washington, Colonel John C. Linehan of New Hampshire, and Mrs. L. A. Turner, ex-president of the national W. C. T. U. The floral offerings were profuse, and included handsome tributes from the various organizations. The eulogy was pronounced by Rev. E. A. Horton of Boston. Selections from the scriptures were read by Rev. James F. Albion of the Universalist church, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Horton. Appropriate musical selections were rendered by the Herbert L. Johnson quartet. The pall bearers were Colonel A. A. Rand of the Royal Legion, Captain J. G. B. Adams of the Soldiers' Home, W. Y. Wadleigh of the Wholesale Grocers' association, Captain George E. Cressey of the Grand Army, Commander E. W. Bourne of post 40, Malden; ex-Mayor Joseph F. Wiggin of the Masons, Major E. E. Bedee of the Twelfth New Hampshire regiment, and Joseph Harris, the business partner of the late Mr. Barker. The burial was at the Forest Dale cemetery.

National Board of Trade.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Among the subjects that will be presented before the national board of trade by the delegation from the Cincinnati chamber of commerce are recommendations favoring uniform freight classification, revision of the tariff, retirement of the greenbacks, reduction of the tax of bank notes to ½ of 1 per cent, increase of circulation of national banks to par value of bonds deposited, establishment of a national clearing house, issuance of no bank notes for less than $5 after July, 1898, international bimetallism, discontinuance of the sub-treasury system, extension of the Torrens system, improvement of the interior waterways, adoption of all nations of a monetary unit of a common value and the establishment of a department of commerce and manufactures.

Reappearance of "Cooney the Fox."

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21. — John P. Kunz, the suspect in the famous Dr. Cronin murder case, who was known as "Cooney the fox," has been arrested and taken to Leavenworth, Kan., charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Kunz recently bought the Hotel Imperial in that city for $25,000, giving a check for $500 on account, and pending a settlement of the deal borrowed considerable money and left town without repaying it.

Armenian Society Meets.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The United Friends of Armenia society was presided over by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe at its annual meeting Saturday. One of the interesting items of business transacted was the unanimous adoption of the following resolution: "That the recent attempt of F. Hopkinson Smith to cast opprobrium upon the persecuted Armenians and to excuse the barbarous massacre of 60,000 unarmed Armenian Christians, by the express orders of the Turkish government, is an insult to the intelligence of the American people, and will forever associate his name with that of the great assassin."

Don't Want War.

Danville, Pa., Dec. 21.—Rev. Dr. McAlee, pastor of the Grove Presbyterian church, this city, in a stirring prelude to his sermon yesterday morning, made an earnest appeal for peace and nonintervention in Cuban affairs at present. At an informal meeting of the congregation held at the close of the service a resolution was adopted unanimously endorsing the pastor's views and calling upon congress, and especially upon Pennsylvania's senators and representatives, to abstain from any action tending to embroil us in hostilities with Spain.

Cuban Meeting In Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—A meeting of Cuban sympathizers was held in the Lyceum theater yesterday afternoon. The building was packed to the doors, and the enthusiasm was intense. Resolutions were adopted recognizing the independence of Cuba and recommending the United States to interfere and stop hostilities. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. Fields. Addresses were delivered by ex-Judge Harlan, Emory P. Close, Devoe P. Hodson and others. A collection was taken up for the relief of the suffering in Cuba.

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The Town of Uxbridge Nearly Destroyed.

THE LOSSES WILL AGGREGATE OVER $100,000.

Town Saved By Help From Worcester.

Uxbridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—One of the greatest conflagrations that has occurred in Worcester county for many years broke out in the heart of the business section early yesterday morning, and before it could be controlled four large business blocks and three other buildings were burned, entailing a loss of over $100,000, upon which there was an insurance of $65,000. The fire is the second serious one in this town within three years. It burned for over seven hours, and the greater part of the town would undoubtedly have been wiped out had not timely assistance been sent from Worcester.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Flames were first noticed in two different places in the big three-story wooden block on Main street owned by H. E. Gunn. Two men, who arrived from Worcester on the late train, discovered the blaze, and although they promptly notified the local brigade, which was soon on the spot, the flames, fanned by a brisk west wind, spread with great rapidity to the three-story brick building adjoining, owned by A. R. Taft, and like the Gunn building was occupied by a large number of business firms and offices. At this time, when the serious aspect of the fire became apparent, the fire department of Worcester was requested to send assistance.

From the Taft block flames leaped across the street to the three-story wooden building owned by Christian Gredig, which contained the store of George Newell and several other places of business. This building burned furiously, and the town seemed to be in such danger that many residents for quite a distance away moved the furniture from their dwellings. Sparks and live cinders fell all over the place, and bucket brigades were kept busy extinguishing incipient blazes which started up in several places. The local brigade, which is inadequate to protect the town at any time, was handicapped by a poor water supply, and was powerless to stay the flames.

About 3 o'clock the three-story wooden building owned by E. M. Goldthwaite was on fire, and also the two-story building owned by Christian Gredig in the rear of his big block. The Goldthwaite building was a complete wreck, and the fire continued to spread when a special train from Worcester, with a steamer and hose carriage, in charge of Assistant Chief Lamb, arrived. After some little difficulty in obtaining water the Worcester engine succeeded in getting several good streams in the most advantageous place and undoubtedly saved a much greater loss. With the exception of a barn owned by Mr. Gredig and a few outbuildings, etc., the fire was stopped at the two-story building owned by Gredig. This building, although still standing, was completely gutted, and is practically a total loss.

The ruins burned fiercely well into the forenoon, and owing to the strong wind a large number of citizens and the firemen worked hard to prevent a further outbreak. The assistant chief of Woonsocket and two of his men came up early yesterday morning and aided the local department.

Following are the losses in detail: Gunn block—Loss on building $20,000, insurance $15,000; occupants, H. E. Gunn, druggist, loss $5000, insurance, $3000; F. W. Barnes, jeweler, loss $300; C. A. Carter, clothing store, loss $8000, insurance $6500; loss on several lawyers and insurance agents' offices $200 to $500 each; Foresters' hall on the top floor, loss $500.

Taft building—Loss on building $15,000, insurance $5000; occupants, Blackstone National bank, loss $4000, no insurance; E. C. Hayward, general store, loss $8500, insurance $5500; Dr. Gray, dentist, loss about $500; Odd Fellows' hall on the top floor, loss $2500, insurance $2000; several dressmakers sustained small losses.

Christian Gredig's loss, three-story building, $23,000, insurance $10,000; two-story building, loss $2000, insurance $1000; barn, loss $300. Occupants three-story Gredig building, George Newell, store, loss $1000, insurance $800; J. Tucker, billiards, loss $500, insurance $400; J. Stewart, harnessmaker, loss $300, insurance $200; Abell Bros., confectionery, $100, and occupants of offices slight losses.

In the Goldthwaite block—J. Kelley, dry goods, loss $5000, insurance $8000; William Berry, billiards, loss $900, insurance $700; several milliners also lost their property, upon which there is an insurance.

Whitefish Eggs For Lake Ontario.

Rochester, Dec. 21.—James Annin, Jr., state superintendent of hatcheries under direction of the state fish, game and forestry commission, has completed the work of shipping the whitefish in Canandaigua lake. Although it is the first time that the commission has ever obtained whitefish eggs from the inland waters of this state, the result was most satisfactory, as over 12,000,000 eggs were secured, of which 10,000,000 will be taken to the Caledonia hatchery for propagation. The remaining 2,000,000, together with 1,500,000 taken from Lake Ontario and 8,500,000 taken from Lake Michigan, will be placed in the hatchery at Clayton. When the entire 22,000,000 eggs have been hatched, and the proper time comes, the fry will be released in Lake Ontario, with the view of restoring to that lake what it has lost in whitefish of late years.

Narrow scape.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Dr. and Mrs. William Bertram of East Boston were severely burned about the hands, arms and face at their home last night by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. An alarm of fire was rung in and the department speedily squelched the fire, which was making rapid headway when the department reached the house.

Sight Inventor Dead.

New York, Dec. 21.—William Lyman of Middlefield, Conn., son of the late David Lyman, died of pneumonia in New York city yesterday. William Lyman was best known as the inventor and manufacturer of the Lyman gun sight, in use all over the world. He was a member of the Connecticut legislature in 1891.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The Noss Jollities who appear at Music hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21, 22, 23 and Wednesday matinee has the following:

The clever soubrette and musical artiste, Miss Mignon Carroll, whose equal in her particular line is not to be found, Baby Helen Rogers, termed the "pocket edition" soubrette, who is small but always to the front. Mr. Nick Glynn, character comedian, whose wonderful portrayal of different characters has placed him at once in the stellar ranks. But a word in regard to the plot would not be out of place.

Two detectives arrive at the same summer resort in search of the same man, who is wanted for passing counterfeit money, each detective picks out or "spots" one another for the guilty party, whereby they exchange their good money from one to the other thinking it counterfeit, which with the summer boarders, servants, and always to be found tramp and others, creates trouble and excitement all around.

"The Pulse of New York," with its wealth of scenic investure and recently added features, presented by a splendid cast, headed by Stilton Mayhew and Chris Bruno, will be the attraction at Music hall for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Savoy.

Rosedale tonight. The production at this most popular of play houses this week is that great N. Y. success and military play entitled "Rosedale."

It is familiar no doubt to many of our readers but those that have once seen it, are the ones who who will be most pleased to think that it is to be given by the Savoy's clever company, as it is a play which when once seen, creates a desire to see it repeated.

The new costumes and scenery have been completed and everything is ready for the opening tonight. The Savoy company has been increased in number for this week on account of the large cast and several Boston artists including famous little Olive Smith, have been secured. She is at present the best child actress in the business and it was only because of her happening to have this week open that Mr. Weston was enabled to secure her services. She plays "Sir Arthur May." Mr. Weston as Elliott Grey will be seen at his best and will score an instant success in the character. The love scene with Rosa Leigh, the stirring scene in the "Gypsy Dell," the magnificent ball room scene, are only a few of the great opportunities for fine acting and realistic stage settings, and it is needless to say Mr. Weston will make the best of each and all.

Companions of Forest.

Star of Lowell circle, companions of the Forest, elected the following officers at its last meeting: M. A. Gookin, C. C.; Marie Markham, S. C. C.; Winnie Breen, treasurer; Katie Tweed, financial secretary; Ella K. Roche, secretary; Sarah Curran R. G.; Mary E. Delehanty, L. G.; Maggie Huban, I. G.; Bridget Hogan, O. G.; Hugh Leonard, trustee; Thomas E. McGannon, physician.

TREATY WILL BE RATIFIED.

Venezuelan-Guiana Boundary Will Then be Settled For All Time.

New York, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to The World from Caracas says: There is no doubt that the Venezuelan congress will ratify the Guiana boundary arbitration treaty with England negotiated by the United States, and that President Crespo is entirely satisfied with it. The governors of the four states of the Venezuelan republic favor the ratification of the treaty.

President Crespo has received Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuela's minister to the United States, who came here from Washington recently, bringing with him a draft of the treaty for ratification.

The president received at the same time James J. Storrow, the Boston attorney, who prepared and submitted to the boundary commission appointed by the United States Venezuela's brief in answer to the British blue book summary of the case.

Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow sailed together yesterday for New York.

Before their departure Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow had an audience with President Crespo. The president told Mr. Storrow that he was grateful to him for his efforts in behalf of the Venezuelan people, and that he extended thanks to him in their name. The president also informed Mr. Storrow that it would give him pleasure to confer honorary citizenship in the republic upon him if he would consent to accept the gift.

President Crespo then notified Senor Andrade and Mr. Storrow that he trusted in their good offices to secure slight modifications in the proposed Anglo-Venezuelan treaty for the settlement of the Guiana boundary question. He thought the Venezuelan government was entitled to one representative upon the projected arbitration tribunal. That much the Venezuelan people demanded, and they were, President Crespo said, upheld by the government in that respect.

The ratification of the treaty by the congress, which meets in February, is almost certain.

Train Wreck In Louisiana.

Dallas, Dec. 21.—There was a bad wreck on the Texas and Pacific railroad near Sodus, La., yesterday. It is learned that three men were killed and seven badly injured. Following are the wounded: C. L. Gates, St. Paul; Dave Miller, St. Louis; Frank Terry, Argentine, Colo.; Charles Williams, Jerry Henderson and George Brown, residences unknown. The names of the killed are not known.

Militia Captain Resigns.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 21.—H. G. Crockett, captain of company D, Second regiment since November, 1892, will forward his resignation to headquarters Dec. 31. Business pressure is the reason given, but it is understood that he feels unable, on account of local and state indifference, to raise his command to a desired standard. He enlisted as a private in company D in 1886, and has served with credit as corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain.

Drowned Himself In Horse Trough.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—Danforth Newcomb of Hollis, 62 years old, committed suicide yesterday by drowning in a horse trough. Ill health was the cause of the act.

Spanish Anarchists Sentenced.

Barcelona, Dec. 21.—Eight of the anarchists who recently had their trial in this city for throwing a bomb into the Corpus Christi procession last June have been sentenced to death.

Gompers In the Pulpit.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Yesterday afternoon President Gompers occupied the pulpit of Wesley chapel, speaking in the interests of organized labor. Bishop Walden and most of the ministers of this city occupied seats on the platform. His subject was "A Rough Sketch of a Rugged Struggle."

IS MACEO ALIVE?

Report That Another Was Killed Instead.

THE FEATURES OF THE CUBAN CAMPAIGN

As Reported to the London Times.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 21.—A special to The Citizen from Tampa says: Passengers arriving on the steamship Olivette last night from Havana report that the people in general there are now more tenaciously than ever clinging to the belief that Maceo still lives. The report current there is that Maceo accepted the invitation of the Spaniards to consult under a flag of truce, and that instead of going himself he sent one Medina, a Cuban very much resembling him, and that it was Medina who was assassinated, and that for strategic reasons Maceo remains quiet.

The same people also report that the Marquis of Apzetequia began grinding his cane last week, but the work was stopped by an order from Weyler. The marquis is a rabid Spanish sympathizer, and his estate is called Constancia, in the province of Cienfuegos.

Friday, a negro woman, 26 years old, was arrested for being a member of the insurgent band. She was given a military trial and sentenced to be shot. This is a new departure in the war.

London, Dec. 21.—A letter from Havana to The Times, dated Dec. 5, dwells upon the fact that the white element now predominates largely in the rebel ranks, while the rebels possess the sympathy of nearly all educated Cubans, the truth of which, the correspondent continues, is seen in the number of prominent people sent as political prisoners to the Spanish penal settlements in the last six months. The worst elements of the rebellion have therefore disappeared, and the independent Cuban government, if weak, would at least be in the hands of educated and responsible men.

Sure-Death Whiskey.

Wheeling, Dec. 21.—A special from Sistersville says 16 men were poisoned by drinking bad "speak easy" whisky in the Benwood oil field in Monroe county, Ohio, Saturday. Three are dead, another dying, three more described as crazy, and nine others were very sick, and the lives of several of them are despaired of. The dead are: W. H. Price, a wealthy farmer, on whose land the first well in the Benwood pool was discovered; Charles Seibert, a merchant of Sardis, O., who also has a store in the Benwood field; Thomas Clegg, a farmer, on whose farm there are one or more wells. The man reported dying is Henry Roth, a farmer in the Benwood neighborhood. The names of the others suffering from the fiery compound could not be ascertained.

Another Cruiser Ready For War.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The new United States cruiser Brooklyn, which has been lying at League Island navy yard since going into commission three weeks ago, will start on her first official cruise next Saturday. She will steam first to the naval station at Newport, R. I. After her torpedoes have been taken on board the cruiser will proceed to Brooklyn, where the citizens of that municipality will formally present to the ship a handsome silver service. After this ceremony and the attendant festivities have been concluded the ship will go to Hampton Roads and join the Atlantic squadron.

With Masonic Rites.

New York, Dec. 21.—The body of Alexander Hermann, the great magician, was laid to rest in a vault in Woodlawn cemetery yesterday, where it is to remain until the family have decided upon a permanent burial place. Previous to the interment funeral services were held at the Masonic Temple, which were attended by a large crowd, including many members of the theatrical profession. The Jewish services were conducted by Rabbi Joseph Silverman of Temple Emanuel, and were followed by the Masonic rites, conducted by Grand Master Charles Heiser.

Turkey For Bryan.

Westerly, R. I., Dec. 21.—A 25-pound turkey was shipped to Hon. William Jennings Bryan yesterday by Horace Vose, the veteran dealer in presidents' turkeys.

LUNDBERG STREET BRIDGE

A HEARING BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Many Property Owners Appeared in Favor of the Extension to Meadowcroft Street—A Bridge Included in the Extension.

About two dozen property owners and residents of the vicinity of Lundberg street were present at the meeting of the county commissioners this morning when the big three heard their petition for the extension of Lundberg street to Meadowcroft, which involves the erection of a bridge over the Boston and Maine railroad tracks.

John W. McEvoy, Esq., appeared for the petitioners, George F. and George H. Richardson for the railroad, and City Solicitor Qua for the city.

The gentlemen called in favor of the petition were Rev. Fr. Guillard, O. M. I., John Lennon, James McDermott, Joseph Johnson, Mathew O'Connell, Thos. Kelly, S. Burke Stevens, Chas. O'Neil, Edward Kelly and others.

The proposed extension will not be very lengthy, or of extravagant pretensions, and will probably be favored by the commissioners.

Reform Club Concert.

The Reform club held its first Sunday evening concert of the season last night and the hall was crowded.

The program included piano solos by Miss May Briggs; songs by James Callahan, John Welch, Robert J. Fullerton, Michael Gorman, James Daley and the Tighe family; recitations were given by Denis Donahue. The accompanists were Misses Kittie Walsh, May Briggs and Robert J. Fullerton.

Birthday Party.

Miss Mamie Rosalie Barrett entertained her young friends Saturday night at her home on Fay street, on the occasion of her 18th birthday. Refreshments were served, games enjoyed, and a general good time had until 11 o'clock. The young lady received many valuable presents.

REV. FR. McMANUS

Delivered an Interesting Lecture to the Y. M. C. I.

THE STORY OF HIS EUROPEAN TRAVELS

Was Told to a Large Audience.

The most interesting lecture on European travel ever given in this city, was delivered before the members and friends of the Y. M. C. I. in the institute hall, last evening by Rev. Thomas F. McManus of St. Peter's church.

Fr. McManus' style and delivery are striking and certain to command attention. The tale of his travels he recites in an offhand way; he makes no use of notes, in fact he makes scarcely any preparation for his lecture, depending upon the scenes as they are thrown upon the canvas, recalling incidents of interest in connection with his trip.

The hall was crowded and the views shown were really fine, no better collection ever having been presented here.

Henry P. Doulger introduced Fr. Dacey, O. M. I., as presiding officer and he in turn introduced the reverend lecturer.

Forty-seven views in Ireland were shown and explained. Principal among them were Queenstown city and harbor, the city of Cork, River Lee, Blarney, Killarney, the Giant's Causeway, Dublin and Limerick and views along Antrim coast and the north of Ireland. Coming to London he showed a view of Fleet street, Westminster bridge, The Strand and St. Paul's. When the house of parliament was shown, the speaker stated that he attended a session while an important debate took place, as the guest of Sir Thomas Esmond who has visited Lowell; He also described Buckingham and Marlborough palaces, where he said he was at the time of the royal wedding.

He next took his audience to Brussells, and described a street scene there; and also the new palace of justice. The Cathedral, the speaker stated, is a most magnificent structure, while the town hall is a very ornate building and is covered with statues. In the Flemish street scene, boys were seen harnessed into carts, just as horses are in this country. The trip continued up the Rhine to Cologne, where is the grandest gothic cathedral in the world. From the steamer sailing up the Rhine, was obtained a fine view of the Drachenfels Castle and the seven mountains around it, also the Rock of Lorell where it is said Lorell; like a Siren, used to sing and decoy boatmen to the shore. In Germany, Heidelberg and the cathedral of Hofkirk formed pretty scenes, and a group of German students were pictured. "They were not engaged in a duel" said the speaker, "but they had been the day before and many bore scars on their faces and heads.

From Bale to Lucerne is one of the most picturesque routes by rail in all Switzerland. Bale is a frontier town. On the route, the speaker obtained Alpine scenes and views of the cascade, villages and cottages. Then was shown beautiful Lucerne, delightful for situation and a great place for tourists. The Rigi and Mount Pilatus were seen and the speaker said that many legends are associated with Pilatus, according to one of which Pontius Pilate drowned himself in a little lake a few hundred feet below the summit. The journey was now towards Milan through Lombardy and across the Italian frontier at Schiasso. On the way scenes of houses were shown, and notice was taken of the change of costumes in the Italian Alpine district. There was a panoramic picture of Milan, a city of 300,000 inhabitants and one of the busiest cities in Italy. The colored view of the Milan cathedral was a very pretty effect, the building itself being the most ornate exteriorly in the world, and but two are larger, St. Peter's at Rome and the one at Seville, Spain.

At Venice he told of his experiences, riding in the Gondola, and showed a view of the grand canal, the palaces of the city, St. Mark's cathedral, the Rialto and the Bridge of Sighs. The Island and cathedral of George, from the piazetta, were shown, also the tame pigeons in the Square of St. Mark, which fly on the head and shoulders of the people and eat the grain given them.

At Florence, after showing the views of the palaces and cathedrals, the Ponti Veccio was seen. This is a bridge covered with stores, just like old London bridge. The views of Rome were beautiful. The speaker said, "one naturally looks for St. Peter's when he arrives in Rome, and on the way you see the castle of St. Angelo and the bridge."

St. Peter's itself was next shown, the views being of the exterior and interior. In the great square of St. Peter's were the obelisk and fountains, and another scene showed the square at the great blessing on Easter Sunday.

The Vatican was next treated, and this included scenes of the hall of Candelabra, the library, Sistine chapel, hall of statuary, a guard of the Vatican, and Leo XIII. St. Paul's outside the walls is the most modern of the churches in Rome. It contains portraits of all the popes, and there is room for paintings of all the popes that will come. These are in mosaic medalions five feet in diameter.

At St. Paul's of the Three Fountains was shown the place of the execution of St. Paul.

Next came the ruins of ancient Rome, the Coliseum, the Forum, arch of Titus, and arch of Drusis.

"Modern Rome," said the speaker, "has its capital approached from the Piazza Ara Coeli by the grand stair case, which in its present form dates from 1536. At its foot are two lions of Egyptian porphy; at its head the ancient colossal statues of Castor and Pollux. The scenes of the famous catacombs were interesting and the speaker bid farewell to Rome with a view of the Fountain of Trevi where people leaving Rome and desiring to return throw a copper coin and express their wish.

Naples is five and one-half hours' ride from Rome and the pretty bay, Mt. Vesuvius, the ruins of Pompeii and the Herculaneum were shown. Paris was reached by way of Switzerland over the Mt. Cenis route, through the big tunnel, over the Bernese Alps by way of Chamouni, then on to Geneva on the lake.

The scenes shown were of the Dents des Montagnes, Mt. Blanc in the distance, the great Matterhorn. The journey to Paris proceeded by way of Lausaume. The speaker described the Place de la Concord with its fountains and obelisk, the heart of Paris. Scenes were shown in Versailles, St. Cloud and Fountainbleau. Lourdes was touched upon briefly, and the great miracles performed there were referred to. One of the prettiest views shown was the procession of pilgrims to Lourdes.

The lecture lasted one hour and a half and at its conclusion Fr. McManus was congratulated on his successful talk.

Mr. Emerson, the photographer had charge of the stereopticon.

MRS. THOMAS CAROLIN

PASSED FROM LIFE PEACEFULLY YESTERDAY.

But a Few Days After the Death of Her Husband—Heart Disease the Cause.

Following closely on the death and burial of the late Thomas Carolin comes the death of his estimable widow, Mary Fields Carolin, at her home on Fairmount street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

During her husband's illness she bore up cheerfully and attended the funeral on Friday morning. Her illness was first noticed in the evening, and Dr. Irish was called to attend her. She grew weaker Saturday and passed away peacefully yesterday morning.

She was born in County Meath, Ireland, in December, 1830, and was 66 years of age at the time of her death. She was married Sept. 1, 1851, and is survived by Dr. William T. Carolin, and two daughters, Mrs. James Heery and Mrs. Luke Heery.

The funeral will be at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and her body will lie with that of her husband in the tomb at St. Joseph's cemetery. Heart failure was the cause of death.

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LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11 a. m.; sets, 4:15 p. m.,
Length of day—9:4.
Moon rises—5:49 p. m.
High water—12m.; 12 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Fair, followed by local snows in northern portions; westerly winds.

TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS.

Will be Required to Examine the Eyes of School Children.

A local oculist speaking of the proposition to examine the eyes of the school children, says:

"If one man attempts to examine the eyes of all the school children and applies a test to each one, it will take him two and one-half years, assuming that he will spend one hour each day at his work.

"And I reach my conclusion in this way. It takes from three to five minutes to apply the letter test. Granting he can make the test in three minutes, that means he can examine the eyes of 20 pupils in an hour, which may mean one day's work. There are about 10,000 school children in Lowell and at the rate of 20 a day it would take 500 days to complete the work.

"There are 200 school days in a year; so that it will require just two and one-half years to cover the city."

Sprained His Ankle.

Benjamin Smith slipped and fell on Colburn street Saturday evening and sprained his ankle. He was removed to the corporation hospital.

COL. PINDAR.

May Succeed Himself as Superintendent of the City Farm.

It is stated that Col. Pindar will succeed himself as superintendent of the city farm. There is opposition to him in his own party, caused by the candidacy of ex-Alderman Wyman. It is not thought that Overseer Holgate will vote for Pindar and Wyman's friends are figuring on Overseer McKinley holding out and preventing the election of Pindar. Of course they do not think that the democrats will support Pindar, but in this supposition they may be mistaken for rumor has it that finding the election of a democrat impossible, the democratic overseers will turn to Col. Pindar.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance. Donovan bl'd.

Elegant rubber-tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-4.

Orders for coal promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed by Roark & Sullivan, 984 Gorham street. Telephone 558-3.

Do you keep a horse or cow? You can buy the best of grain, hay and bedding for either of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street. Try a barrel of his flour.

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large assortment of the latest bindings, pearl rosaries, and other religious articles suitable for a christmas present at Murphy's 18 Appleton street.

Ward Nine Democrats.

A number of democrats of Ward nine met in Barrister's hall yesterday afternoon and decided to support the following candidates for the city committee in that ward: Frank B. Dow, John E. Drury, Thomas O'Day, Patrick F. Walsh, John E. Sullivan, John Callahan, Frank E. Lundberg, James F. McElholm. A finance committee was also appointed.

CARPET WEAVERS

Say That Dye House May be Kept at Work To Catch Up.

Weavers in the Carpet do not know the cause of the shut-down in the mills. Several of them in speaking of the matter Saturday night, said that the other rooms are ahead of the dye house in work, and one week would let the latter catch up. For that reason they believe the dye house will be kept at work, while the others are out.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

The Lowell public is indebted to Harvey B. Greene, son of Rev. J. M. Greene, for a beautiful volume containing a collection of the most beautiful flowers of Pale tine, pressed and neatly pasted on a blank page. On the opposite page is a brief printed description of the flowers. These flowers still maintain their form and color and even a portion of their odor. The book is in great demand and is considered a precious souvenir of the Holy Land.

During the Christmas holidays there are many opportunities offered to lighten the burdens and gladden the hearts of many lonesome ones. Those who can afford it could perform no more pleasant duty than to assist in making Christmas a joy and good cheer for the little orphans in St. Peter's orphan asylum, the Edson orphanage, the Ayer home and the little ones at the Day Nurseries. There are many poor families all over the city who would appreciate a good Christmas dinner and offer thanks and blessings to the kind-hearted donors.

I happened into Major Allen's laboratory, the other day, when he was testing some milk. "There is the greatest food man ever took," he said, as he pointed to some milk. "One quart of good milk contains as much nutriment as three-quarters of a pound of the best steak. Drink milk and eat fruit and you will always be well.

I hear that a handy device for millers and others who have to weigh a large number of articles and at the same time move them from one place to another has recently been patented. A weighing mechanism is placed underneath the bed of a truck in such a manner that the weight of whatever is placed on the truck is indicated at the side, the pressure on the truck-bed pulling on a spring beside the indicator.

AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Three Hundred Members of the Y. M. C. I. Received Holy Communion.

At the 7 o'clock mass of the Immaculate Conception church yesterday, 300 members of the Y. M. C. I. received Holy Communion. Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I. celebrated mass and the Y. M. C. I. glee club sang several hymns, the solos being sustained by Edward Shea. After mass, breakfast was served to the members in the hall. Rev. Fr. Dacey, O. M. I. in behalf of Charles P. Smith, presented the institute with a picture of the crowning of Emperor Charlemagne. President Boulger accepted the gift. The following program was then rendered: Vocal selections, Thomas McQuaide, John J. Murray and John O'Brien; piano solos, Arthur McHugh, violin solos, Prof. John Bamber.

Rev. Fr. Dacey stated that the receipts for the year had been nearly $4,000 and that the interior debt had been paid. All that remains to be discharged now is the mortgage.

Members of the Holy Name society and the Holy Family sodality received Holy Communion at the 7 o'clock mass at St. Patrick's church yesterday.

The next meeting of the Y. M. C. I. will be held Wednesday evening, instead of Thursday. The annual ball of the institute will be held Feb. 9 in Huntington hall.

The Catholic Lyceum met yesterday afternoon and admitted several new members.

At St. Peter's church on the evening of Jan. 10, Rev. Fr. McManus on Lourdes, in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul society.

There will be a reception of promoters of the Sacred Heart league at St. Peter's church, Jan. 8, and Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I. of the Sacred Heart church will preach.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Coburn, 31 Merr. St.

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THE MARDI GRAS WON

A tremendous gathering into our store Saturday, such a multitude of bright intelligent shoppers was never seen under one roof in Middlesex County before. Everything went off lovely, no one hurt, all good natured, everybody satisfied and why not? We know why all ought to be satisfied..here is the why and wherefore in a nutshell. The Mardi Gras means a free feast of holiday bargains. We're giving everything away in the shape of profit and it delights us to know that it is appreciated by Lowell's populace. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be a perpetual rush from morning till night. We anticipate the largest crowds yet and are in a quandary as to how we can handle the crowds and wait on them promptly as some of our patrons saw Saturday. Our present staff of help was inadequate for that day, it will therefore not be sufficiently strong for this week so we must have HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP WANTED to distribute the grandest line of holiday goods to our public ever seen and for almost nothing. We will clean out all the

Holiday Goods With a Rush

And the people of Lowell know and we know that there's only one way to do it, we hold the keys, the goods must all go. Bring your 5c pieces, bring your 10c pieces, bring your 25c pieces, bring your 50c pieces, bring your dollars and buy at

the Mardi Gras and thus save 2-3 of your money. We mean every word we say so come and reap the benefit which we have prepared for you. READ IT ALL! READ IT ALL! READ IT ALL!

Toys.

Small toys for the little ones in our Basement Annex. A large variety all laid out in places so the little tot can buy just as well as Mamma or Papa. We have a 5c. counter with some 20c. articles on it—some worth 25c. and a 10c. counter with all kinds of Toys, Iron, Wooden, etc. some are worth 4 times as much. The 25c. counter seems to be the most popular whether it is because of 75c. goods being on it or not we can't say but rather guess that has something to do with it.

For 49c. Toys our counter is heavily laden down with Safes, Fire Engines (and as they say down east) all what not. Examine this Toy counter. That's all about Toys.

P. S.—Thought we'd said all about Toys but listen, we will not keep in stock one single Toy this season. We will give 'em away first. You know what this means to you

Books.

Our extraordinary stock of books are displayed in Millinery Department. We have everything you want.

Prayer Books 15c. and upwards. Bibles with all new improvements $3.00 kind for one dollar and twenty-three cents, ($1.23. The White House Cook Book 98c. worth $3.00, Children's Books of all kinds and at the lowest prices yet quoted. 3c. and 10c. will buy Nice Literature for the little ones in Sunday Schools. Sunday School Teachers' Missions, etc. should examine our line of Books before purchasing.

12 mos. good reading all popular authors, special for this week 9c.

Special Counter will be laid out on Monday with some extra special prices, commencing about 5 or 9c. Come and see. We will please you in prices and quality or no one can.

Games.

Almost four hundred kinds of games. Almost four thousand games yet to give away. We have experts on the game counters to show you all the ins and outs of the new games. We guarantee to save you two-thirds of your money on games with but one or two exceptions. 5c. buys regular 15 and 20c. Games. Maybe you may find a 25c. one on the 5c. counter. You don't need to be alarmed if it goes at 5c.

10c. of your good money will buy you $1.00 worth of fun and lots of amusement. These are the 25c. and 35c. Toys, don't you know.

19c. buys or rather finds Games worth 50c. at least, how much we'll let you judge for yourself. Don't stay away too long.

25c., 49c., 69c. and 98c. counters will attract your attention on entering rear of Millinery Department. If you don't find just what you want call for Mr. Lacy.

Leather Goods.

Leather goods went like hot cakes on Saturday. You know why.

Well, at 10c. Purses worth 25c. cut a figure. Wallets at 15c. worth double, sell themselves: Combination Pocket Books at 25c. worth 50c.

A superb line of new Pocket Books and Combinations at 49c. Sterling Trimmed Pockets all leather at 98c.

Boston Bags, such values are amazing, but we have them to sell at same prices, 49c., 59c. and 69c.

Satchels, Dress Suit Cases and all kinds of Leather Bags in Alligator, Seal, Bison, Monkey, Lizard, etc. etc. and at prices so low, so awful low that you will leave your money and take a bag if you want one.

Jewelry.

All the new novelties in jewelry and hundreds and thousands of them to select from. In this line we defy competition, buying all our lines from the manufacturer, thus saving all the intermediate profits to our customers. We have 5c. Jewelry Novelties. We have 10c. Jewelry Novelties.

China Ware Fancy China.

In the basement, you know where it is, everybody knows the Bon Marche basement all on account of the bargains given. Do you remember the coal hods at 5¾c? Well, the holiday China is just as cheap.

We have Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Milk Sets, Fancy Plates, Cups and Saucers, Jardineires, China and Earthen Cuspidores, China Clocks, Umbrella Stands, Vases, Toilet Sets, Worcester Ware, Bon Ware and all the rich China goods, and at a saving of at least two-thirds. Come and see. Come and buy.

Lamps.

Hundreds and Hundreds of Lamps and they are going like hot cakes. We have Vase Lamps, Banquet Lamps, Reading Room Lamps, in fact every kind of Lamps, and the prices, well—

One lot of Vase Lamps worth $4.50 for $1.98. 1 lot of Banquet Lamps worth $4.00 for $1.49, and so on, all are marked to go quick. No lingering allowed in any of our stocks, this one especially. Lamps must go.

Plush Boxes Celluloid Boxes.

An unequalled assortment of the beautiful Boxes, all kinds, shapes and colors for handkerchiefs, trinkets, jewels, neckties, hair pins, collars, cuffs, (collars and cuff combination), gloves, watches, money, every kind and the best kind. Some are empty and others are filled with stationery, also there are in this lot (which by the way is in our Dress Goods Department, where we make skirts free), Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Tooth and Nail Sets, Smoking Sets, etc., etc., the prices are from this out two-thirds less than you can buy them for elsewhere. We sell some at 10c.

Some we give away at 25c. while other dealers sell them at $1.00. This is a fact.

One lot in particular we mention, it is the 69c. lot. We make more profit on these than any other lot, but we bought them at 25c. on the dollar and are saving you lots for all that.

The 98c. assortment is unlike anything we have ever shown or anybody else for the price. There are $3.00 goods in the lot and you can have them if you get a jump on and get here first

Handkerchiefs.

Our line of Handkerchiefs is a big one. We are prepared to serve you grandly. Saturday the Handkerchiefs went out like wildfire. We concluded the prices were the cause.

We have Handkerchiefs at 2c., Xmas ones. At 5c. our line beats the world. At 12½c. beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs worth 25c. 25 cents buys the best Handkerchief for the money you or anybody else ever saw. Match it and we will give ours away at ten cents. Initial Handkerchiefs a specialty. Our line is replete; our prices are low.

Silk Handkerchiefs embroidered 9c. Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25c. SILK MUFFLERS. SILK MUFFLERS.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.

Every Doll to be sold or given away before Thursday night at 11 o'clock. Special prices put on special lots, right at main entrance on main floor. First to catch your eye will be a 19c. lot and you want to look them over. All are worth two and three times as much. Next to your right on the end of small ware department is a lot of 25c. ones put in at 10c. They will go out quick.

The 49c. lot is a big lot and worth $1.00 each. Dolls all dressed in good style, a fine line of $2 and $3 ones all to be distributed at 98c. each. See the 25c. assortment of Dolls if you figured on buying a 50c. Doll, buy our 25c. one and you are 25c. in and got the same Doll you'd pay 50c. for elsewhere.

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS.

Silverware.

Silverware in our basement. We are told that our Silverware display is the best in the city by far the best, is the way it has been expressed to us, but best of all the prices fit the pocket books and the goods are going swift. Get a move on and fit up your sideboard.

The 1847 Rogers Knives and Forks $2.98, worth $5.50.
The 1847 Rogers Spoons $1.65, worth $3.00.
The 1847 Rogers Dessert Spoons $1.98 a set, worth $4.00.
Silver Service, 4 pieces, $2.79, worth $6.00.
Berry Spoons 69c. each, worth $1.50.
Pie Knives 69c. each, worth $1.50.
Silver Mounted Cracker Jar with handle complete, worth $3.00, Mardi Gras, $1.39.
Pickle Jar 69c., worth $1.30.
Holmes and Edwards Knives and Forks $2.69 a set, worth $5.00
Holmes and Edwards Tea Spoons $1.50 a dozen, worth $2.50.
Carvers 98c., worth $3.00.
Knives, best Sheffield steel, 49c. dozen, worth $1.00.
Child's Set, Knife, Fork and Spoon for 9c.

Staple Goods.

Our stock in staple lines is well and favorably known in Lowell and vicinity. We can use you better in the following lines than ever before. Read:

Blankets, Comforters, Bed Spreads, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Linens, Table Cloths, Towels, Tidies, Flannels, Pillow Shams, Art Cut Work in Scarfs, Shams, Table Covers, etc. etc.

Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Hosiery, Underwear and Gloves, Umbrellas and Men's furnishings, Stamped goods, Corsets, Knit goods, Cotton Underwear, etc., etc., etc.

Pictures, Chairs Etc., Etc.

In Upholstering department up one flight, you will see a superb choice of Pictures, Frames, Easels, Chairs, Tables, etc., Rattan Novelties, at prices to please you immensely.

Pictures worth $3.00 for $1.23, beautiful frames.
Pictures worth $6.00 for $3.49, popular subjects.
All prices from 10c. up. You ought to see the line.

Rocking Horses, Doll Carriages, etc. Up one flight next to Drapery department. Rocking Horses, Doll Carriages, Dolls' Beds, Children's Chairs, Tables, Blackboards, Sleds, etc. from 10c. and upwards. Everything to suit the boys and girls and also please the "Mamma" and "Papa" pocket book.

Perfumery and Toilet Goods.

A rich stock of perfumes put up in neat little bottles for the Holiday trade for young and old for rich and poor. All kinds, 5c. up. At 5c. you will be surprised. At 10c. choice odors worth 20c.

At 25c. best odors worth 50c. bottle.

Toilet Sets in Celluloid, Rubber, etc. a large assortment and all cheap.

Cabinet Frames, Mirrors, etc. all found in this department, directly under cash desk. The prices are extremely low.

Ink Stands, Blotters, Pen Wipers, etc., etc., are also found in this department. They run from 5c. up to $2.50.

Cloaks and Furs.

A Cloak, a Fur Cape or a Skirt makes a nice, sensible gift and we're just in a position to give you any of these goods at your own prices, $2, $3, $4, or $5, will secure three or four times it's value in any of the following departments:

This department is teeming with nice, serviceable goods for Xmas presents. Just step into our shoe parlor and see what 50c. or $1.00 will do.

You cannot imagine for a moment what you can get for 50c. or $1.00 unless you've visited our store quite recently. Come!

REMEMBER THE MARDI GRAS 4 MORE DAYS AT MITCHELL'S.